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Hopeson beef ban dashed

New package goes what may be a £2.5 billion programme to kill older cattle will have to be offset against the annual budget rebate obtained to EU ministers

John Palmer in Brussels, Owen Bowcott and Michael White

HE Government's immediate end to European Union's worldwide ban on British beef exports collapsed last
night as Whitehall officials
spokesman said. worked to complete a package of anti-BSE measures designed to staunch haemorrhaging public confidence in

the industry. Even if the revised proposals being submitted to an emergency meeting of EU farm ministers in Luxembourg today are judged suffi-ciently credible to reassure ban imposed last week will not be lifted straight away, senior EU officials signalled

With every link in the beef industry suffering enormous strain from the revelation that BSE in cattle may, after all, be linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans, the Agriculture Minister, Doug-las Hogg, is desperate to do whatever Europe's scientists
— and public opinion —

require to stem the crisis. Cadburys confirmed that its range of mini-eggs, Stroll-ers and Curly-Wurly bars, all of which contain gelatin from cattle hides, could be affected by the EU ban, However, disenchantment with British beef may be bottoming out, the Safeway supermarket chain suggested, as cut-price top quality meat had sold out by lunchtime at one London support from Brussels for

store. "We will have to wait and see, but people are returning tentatively," a

spokesman said.
Glasgow, however, said that beef products would disappear from all of the city's 260 schools and adult training centres from today, after pres

After talks in Brussels on Friday, the agriculture commissioner, Franz Fischler. warned Mr Hogg that the Government still had not gone far enough to assure everyone about the safety of the food chain, nor to satisfy EU concern about the rigour with which existing slaugh-terhouse controls are being enforced in Britain.

Rightwing Tory MPs, who believe Europe's own controls are inferior to Britain's, were not appeased when Britain's two EU commissioners, Sir Leon Britten and Neil Kin-nock, said in television internock, said in television interviews that lifting the ban would be a matter of weeks, not days — possibly within the agreed six week review period, Mr Kinnock suggested.

"Everybody has accepted that what one is now talking

that what one is now talking about is not just measures that are scientifically necessary but measures to restore public confidence," Sir Leon conceded on BBC1's Breakfast

with Frost. Speaking on LWT's Cross-talk, Mr Kinnock confirmed what British ministers insist has always been the case in EU finances, that the promised by Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Hogg's performance is being privately criticised by Tory MPs. But reports that he offered to resign were described as "a silly story" by

his officials.

Before the start of today's farm ministers' meeting. Mr Hogg will present a new plan, agreed with EU officials, for tackling the BSE crisis. It is expected to propose culling all cows over 30 months, as well as a selective slaughter of entire herds with a proven rate of BSE infection, in line with pressure from beef

The cull of 800,000 30-month cows could be spread over five years. Estimates of the additional cost of selective herd slaughter are put at £1 to £2 billion.

It may prove hard to per-suade EU colleagues that Britain is able to put in place a more effective system for to ensure that existing rules about the removal of infectious parts of the carcass are

only this weekend reports from Britain suggesting that spot checks of slaughter-houses show a disturbing pic-ture. There are suggestions that in half the cases the mandatory slaughter procedures may not have been implemented," one EU official said. Even if the Commission

and EU farm ministers give their formal blessing to any package which Mr Hogg will bring to Luxembourg, it would still need the backing of a qualified majority of member states before the ban was lifted, one commission

Letters, and Roy Hattersley,

Pandemonium breaks out as deadline for British travel papers expires



Two among thousands of Hong Kong residents who queued at Immigration Tower to beat yesterday's midnight deadline for British passport applications PHOTOGRAPH VINCENT YU

Hong Kong rushes for last way out

OT since the trauma of the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989 have so many people marched with such grim determination through

the shiny glass and marble caverns of Hong Kong. From the Wanchai Sports Stadium, commandeered by police to accommodate the throng, to the doors of Immigration Tower yesterday snaked an anxious procession

shaked an anxious procession almost a mile long.

In the 24 hours up to mid-night last night, the deadline for Hong Kong residents seek-ing the only kind of British passport on offer, a secondclass travel document, some 52,845 people made the long. slow trek — 20,000 more than applied in all of last year.

Amid scenes of pandemonium. Yau Sui-chun, a woman aged 61, was escorted by police through a scrum of television cameras and photographers to become the last person in the last major Brit-ish colony to apply for British nationality.

Frustration erupted into violence on Saturday when a man clubbed a queue-jumper with his mobile phone. Four people were arrested.

legiance to the crown began last Monday, with 8,000 appli-cations. But it reached its peak yesterday, in a week that has seen Hong Kong's confidence battered.

Already alarmed at China

lobbing missiles off the coast of Taiwan, Hong Kong has had to digest Beijing's moves to abolish the elected legislature, its ostracism of the one pro-China adviser who dared defy the decision, and its imposition of a loyalty test on senior civil servants.

While tycoons — many with real foreign passports - chant their optimism, the chant their optimism, the fairs but they are already in-mostly Chinese-born resi-terfering in our business."

dents crowded outside Immi-gration Tower display the un-ease felt by many ordinary

It is a display far more potent than yesterday's 50-strong anti-China protest out-side the headquarters of the Xinhua News Agency, Chi-na's diplomatic mission.

"I wish China's leaders could see all those people queuing up. That is the real voice of the Hong Kong people," said Martin Lee, a barrister and pro-democracy campaigner.
"Why should we Chinese
not welcome 1997 with enthu-

siasm instead of queuing up to get British papers in the dying days of the British empire? People are so desperate, so afraid, they will do anything, even wait for hours to get a worthless passport." Some 700 immigration ser-

vice officials worked through the night to process applica-tions for British Dependent Territories Citizenship (BDTC) -- a status that allows no right of abode in Britain but offers an alternative to the Special Administrative Region (SAR) passports to be issued by Beijing after 1997. A Chinese official yester-day denied that the rush rep-resented a vote of no confi-

dence. "Everyone acts like this just before a deadline, Zheng Guoxione said

planation, "I'm here to tell China what I think. This is a protest, people are worried," Donald Yip said. His wife tapped him on the back to shut up. "You see," he said, "even my wife is worried."
While many cited concern

that Chinese passports will not provide visa-free entry abroad, they voiced unease about China's intentions.

"I'm not involved in politics but I don't trust the govern-ment in China," said Liu Yam, a jeweller from Kowloon. "They say Hong Kong people can take care of their own af-

Royal web war feared as Queen sets up site in cyberspace

Nick Davis Royal Reporter

THE QUEEN took her critics by surprise yes-terday by taking her first steps into cyberspace. Buckingham Palace announced that she has opened her own web site on the Internet, false footing those who have dismissed the monarchy as an anachronism in the age of the

In a welcome message on her new "home page", at http://www.windsor.co.uk. the Queen says: "It is our lieve she may have been hope that these electronic given bad advice. "It is pages will bring us closer to the lives and interests of our younger subjects."

The web site offers com-

puter users an interactive tour of Buckingham Pal-ace, a quiz about the his-

tory of the royal family and pages about royal pursuits.
The Queen's move into cyberspace won immediate support from Tory back-bencher Sir Nigel Howton, whose Norfolk constitueucy borders on Royal properties at Sandringham. "One advantage is that she can speak directly to her people - without Fleet Street distorting the mes-

sage," he said.
But some of the first to connect up with the site be-

jects her web pages cover — loads about royal finances going right and virtually nothing about royal marriages going wrong. Princess Di doesn't seem to exist in

the virtual monarchy." However, friends of Prin cess Diana are setting up a web site in what looks like an effort to start a "web war". Jo-Jo Williams, selfstyled "Prince of the Net Surfers," said: "Princess Di will be queen in our cyber-space and Charles will feel as though he has fallen into black hole."

But more seasoned royal war watchers thought the Queen had subtler ambitions than stealing the limelight, noticing that her web site offers her virtual subjects the chance to swear an oath of fealty in an "on-line audience".

Buckingham Palace has plans to confer honours on virtual subjects — and the Queen will not need to confer with her Prime Minister. "It is as if Her Majesty has regained all those pow-ers which, over centuries, Parliament has abrogated," said Lord Fawsley, an authority on the constitution. Now she can demonstrate albeit in a virtual world - the enduring strength of

monarchical government."

Boot camps 'muddle'

David Fairhall and Alan Travis

OVERNMENT plans to use the military prison at Colchester as a "boot camp" for young civilian of-fenders have been condemned as muddled and irrelevant by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, General Sir David Ramsbotham.

Sir David is well qualified to assess the Colchester boot camp scheme. As the army's former adjutant general, he was responsible for the military corrective training centre there. But although he has made known to the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, his concerns about introducing civilian offenders, they have evidently been ignored.

Sir David believes the idea of mixing civilian youngsters with military personnel is the result of "muddled thinking" - a political answer, he sus-pects, to the 'Bring back National Service' lobby.

"I'm just not sure of the relevance of military training for young offenders," he says, "forming them up in threes and marching them around". | though prison conditions |



"I"m just not sure of the relevance of military training for young offenders, forming them up in threes and marching them around'

> - General Sir David Ramsbotham, Chief Inspector of Prisons

Last year Sir David suc-ceeded Judge Stephen Tu-mim, who had become a thorn should never be soft, the emphasis should be on rehabili-tation — including Outward in Mr Howard's side by refus-Bound-type activities ing to endorse the Home Secretary's hardline populist ap-By civilian standards, the proach. The general's army nickname, "Rambo", may have suggested that here was disciplinary regime at Colchester, which now takes men and women from all three sera man who would be in tune vices, is dauntingly strict. with Mr Howard's policy of

But, according to Sir David, it is a long way from the brutal "glasshouse" image the pubheavy sentencing, prison austerity and boot camps. In fact, lic probably have in mind. Sir David believes that alturn to page 3, column 1

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with John Major.

World News Barbara Bush is at the centre of a \$4 million libel suit that accuses her and George Bush of being malicious liars.

Finance Stakeholding has its roots in a creed that has been . frozen out during the bleak years of Thatcherite decline.

Damon Hill won the Brazilian Grand Prix.

Manchester United

and Liverpool will

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One wedding and a funeral for the faithful

There was a closing fireworks display and they lowered the flag... then the county council passed peacefully into oblivion along with 129 other authorities

Matthew Engel

OST of the Labour ones. wore hats. The it was a sad occasion, though there were a lot of laughs. He was wearing what he called his "weddings and funerals suit", because it was, after all

a bit of both. The grand total of 15 members of the public cared

mourn or celebrate. This was the very last meeting of South Glamorgan county council, a funeral that preceded the actual death. That came at midnight last night. There was a closing fireworks display and they lowered the flag and raised another one, as used to happen when the colonies became independent. Then South Glamorgan passed peacefully into no minutes, apologies, resolu-tions, amendments, deferrals, chairpersons or references

It vanished, along with 129 other local authorities, mostly in Scotland and Wales, to be merged with various district councils to create what are picturesquely known as uni-tary authorities. Such changes traditionally take place on April 1. The same joke is made every time, and it is always valid.

But there will prohably be another reorganisation along soon enough. South Glamor-gan had only existed for 22 years, and four of the council-lors had been there through-out. Its now redundant council chamber in Cardiff was built only in 1988.

The final meeting, last Thursday, had only one motion, which was a lengthy paean to the council's triumphs, in particular its suc-cess in generating inward investment. It was proposed, a mite smugly, by Russell Good-way, leader of the Labour group which has controlled South Glamorgan for all but four years (1977-81) of the 22. The surprising bit is that it was warmly seconded by the Tory leader. Bernard Rees, who referred to a whole range of the council's "magnificent"



Lorna Hughes (left) and Vita Jones share a joke at the final meeting of the South Glamorgan council 👚 ricrosswer. 🖙 moreo

even allowed a litle time to reminisce: "We had a lot of fun on the old Cowbridge rural district council," recalled one elderly Tory to cries of "Oooh" and "Tell us more". One was reminded of the brief national political truce that followed John Smith's death and all the promises made then that everyone at Westminster

would henceforth be nice to each other.

This was not, Mr Rees insisted later, how South Gla-morgan normally conducted its affairs: "We've criticised the Labour Party a lot. But when the council began, the two sides worked together well and that ethos has continued. We have pulled together on a lot of major issues for the ferences divide them. The

good of the county, especially on economic development.
We've been lucky, because we
never had a loony left here."
On most councils there is if you can use the word - a freemasonry that links the people who take up the bizarre hobby of local politics far more strongly than party dif-

hobby and other ones is that ssuing instructions to stamp collectors to arrange their al-bums differently. All local councillors are aware that Whitehall will only ever be pleased with them if they shut up, levy no taxes and just keep the dustbins emptied. There is also a fair bit of bipartisan belief that this

reorganisation may be as flawed and short-lived as pre-vious ones. With one local council instead of two, people will now have a better idea who is emptying their bins. They may just be rather con-fused about where they live. From today there are 22 counties in Wales. Of the sup-

posedly ancient princely Welsh names that have been nsed since 1974, just one — Powys — remains, Several of the pre-1974 counties are back. like Cardiganshire and Pem-brokeshire. And there are a whole load of new names that will mean nothing to anyone, like Torfaen, Rhondda-Cynon Taff, and Aberconwy and Colwyn. (This is not an April Fool. This is happening.)
John Major sold the idea of

this re-reorganisation to the Conservative Party conference as a return to tradition because he hated the idea that Len Hutton would ever have sone out to bat for Humber side. But it is not that. South Glamorgan splits into two new counties: Vale of Glamor-gan and Cardiff. But it will still have a high sheriff and lord lieutenant. And the county cricket club will continue to be Glamorgan. It's a

rigger mess than ever. It is not even a successful political gerrymander since. to fiddle the boundaries suc cessfully, you have to have

some votes somewhere and the Welsh Tories have more or less run out. As Bernard Rees out it "Are noted and all the put it: "My party's looking up. It has to. It's flat on its back." He is no longer a councillor there is just one Tory on the new Cardiff council.

The BBC says it will go along dutifully with the new system. A Met Office spokesman thought forecasters would probably try and avoid county names. The Post Office

county names. The Post Office says people can put what county they like on letters as long as they use the postcode.

I have a small proposal. What they ought to do is divide Wales into areas named after the signs most familiar to users of Welsh roads: LON AR GAU (Lane Closed): OEDI'N GAU (Lane Closed): OEDI'N BOSIBL (Delays Possible): ARAWFCH NAWR (Reduce Speed Now); TRWSIO'R LON GERBYDAU (Carriageway Repairs); and YMDDIE-HEURWN AN UNHRW OEDL (Sorry For Any Delay). It doesn't actually matter a

stuff anyway. Bernard Rees could afford to be a goodnatured leader of the opposi-tion. Though he would always lose the vote in South Glamor gan, he knew that, in extre-mis, he could get a friendly hearing from the people who really mattered; the ministers at the Weish Office. "In a way I had more influence than the other side."

TV poll clash call delights opposition

BBC and ITN seek US-style head-to-head debate but Tories conceal their hand

Andrew Culf and Michael White

S TORY Party strategists toy with highrisk plans to regain the political initia-tive. Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown yesterday grabbed with both hands the prospect of a US presidential-style tele-vised debate with John Major ahead of the general election.

Both ITN and the BBC are calling on the main party leaders to take part in a headto-head televised debate during the general election campaign, an initiative which has been vetoed by one side or the other since 1979.

Dame Sue Tinson, associate editor of ITN, said the company would request a three-way debate, involving the two Ashdown, the Liberal Demo-

Richard Clemmow, deputy head of BBC political programmes, said: "We would relcome it, and I think the public would welcome it.

Though such a heavyweight clash has never taken place in Britain, televised presidential debates have been an important feature of the US election scene since John F Kennedy's celebrated clash with Richard Nixon reputedly tilted the 1960 cam-paign in Senator Kennedy's

direction. Last night Tory officials stressed that "no decisions have been taken. This is a matter for discussion neares in and we don't rule it out."

Yesterday MPs were divided as to whether Mr Major's experience would outshine "Major would win." most

All the same both Mrs Thatcher in 1987, and Mr Major in 1992, ducked a similar challenge from Neil leader said yesterday that Mr Major is wavering now only because he is in such deep political trouble. Mr Major's standing is ahead of his party's but the latest Mori poll gave Labour a 57-28 per cent lead, with the Liberal Democrats on 13 per cent.

Mr Blair told BBC1's Breakfast With Frost yesterday he was delighted at the prospect of a televised debate. But he added: "If they want to have a debate there is a very simple way of having it, which is to bring forward the date of the general election. Mr Ashdown, whose party

has also called for three-way TV debates on the US, Canadian or German model, called it "a marvellous way for voters to get involved in the big questions on the British agenda," but warned that it would need careful planning, Both ITN and the BBC said

there would be considerable hurdles to overcome, such as whether to involve Mr Ashdown and other party leaders, notably Alex Salmond, of the Scottish Nationalists.

There would have to be agreement on a chairman and whether questions would be put by one person or a panel. Both formulae have been used in the US. And David sard Society, a cross-party group which promotes parlie mentary democracy, said he would be prepared to draw up guidelines for such a debate.

Speaking at a Voice of the
Listener and Viewer conference at Westminster, he said:

The Australian election de-

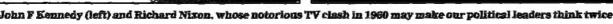
bates between Paul Keating

and John Howard were disas-

trous because they did not have enough rules. They had

firm allocation of time."





televised election debate, they will have to look outside this country for inspi-ration — the United King-dom has never staged such a battle of wits, writes Ed

Both men will no doubt give thought to the notorious clash in 1960 between the then vice-president,

AS John Major and Tony | Richard Nixon, and Senator | Blair deliberate over | John F Kennedy. Legend | has it that Kennedy's brother, Bobby, arranged the studio lights so as to highlight Nixon's sweaty brow and five o'clock

> A more positive reference for Mr Major would be the 1984 debate between Presi-dent Reagan and his Democrat opponent, Walter Mondale.

the generations.

country.

The great advantage Mr Major would have in a tele

In front of 100 million viewers, Reagan fumbled through his answers, showing his age and apparent confusion.

He still went on comfortably to win the presidential

If the two leaders do decide to press ahead with a debate, they will also have to reflect on their preferred style of confronta-tion. Should it be gentle-

manly, as in last year French presidential elec-tions when Jacques Chirac and Lionel Jospin were as polite on camera to one another as pupils at a finishing school?

Or should they emulate the all-biting, all-scratching 1994 tussle in Italy between Silvio Berlusconi and Achille Occhetto, which degenerated into a slanging match?

Posse goes soft

Review

Anne Karpf

HE way that you know you're getting older is not by the appearance of crow's feet or policemen getting younger. It's by the arrival of Steve Wright on

Wright was once lord of teen broadcasting on Radio 1 in the afternoon, but he's been paripatetic over the past two ears, moving to the Radio 1 Breakfast Show, Talk Radio, and now to Radio 2. The net-work's new controller, Jim Moir, has brought him in to replenish the audience.

From Radio 2's point of view, the signing of Wright has a certain logic, at least according to its current priorities, which seem to scud about as much as Wright one moment aiming at those eligible for a free bus pass, the somethings Radio I has loudly jettisoned.

But from the point of view of Wright's radiophonic skills, the move to Radio 2 isn't aus picious on the evidence of the first weekend. On Radio I, Wright introduced a host of imagined characters, interesting sounds, and recurring gags, even if his famed Posse sounded demented and the humour was puerile.

But Saturday's opening show had a stale feel to it, from the music (Paul Simon, Fleetwood Mac, and heaven help us. Chris De Burgh), to the amazing but true feature. The toned-down Posse wasn't so much 200 as pet shop radio, and the guest list sounded like a variant of who would you least like to be trapped in a lift with (Anthea Turner and Jeremy Béadle). Indeed both interviews were remarkably similar, with Wright acknow edging that Turner and Beadle' topped many people's hate-list, and the two celebs claiming they had the love of the

great British public One wonders what Radio 2's traditional audience made of it all. And as for the intende new school of listeners, once again it's assumed that come 40, people only want to hear the music of their youth, as if a fear of the new or newish were a biological fact, and incoming listeners would only enjoy music which gently tickles their bald patches.

Wright's Sunday show sees him playing love songs, discussing office romances, and reading listeners' letters. It can only be a matter of time before he revives Simon Ba-

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If this were played upon a stage now, I could condemn it as improbable fiction . . .

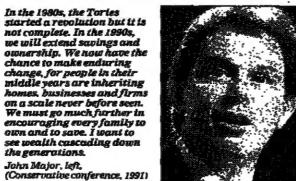


I come not, friends, to steal away your hearts: I am no orator as Brutus is, But, as you know me all, plain blunt man That love my friend . . . For I have neither wit, nor words, nor worth. nor the power of speech, To stir men's blood; I only speak right on. Mark Antony, left, (Julius Caesar, Act Three, Scene Tuo)

OHN MAJOR and his advisers must be all too aware that as an orator he is in the best interests of the

wajor would have in a rele-vised debate is that he is in government. "He is enor-mously well-briefed and as prime minister can speak with innate authority." said Professor Anthony King, of Essay University of a foreign language".

What he lacks in elocution he makes up for in perceived sincerity. Mr Major has a knack of rising to the challenge and displaying his populist. Brixton-born. Essex University.
The danger for him in a live test of nerves would be that he is vulnerable to being

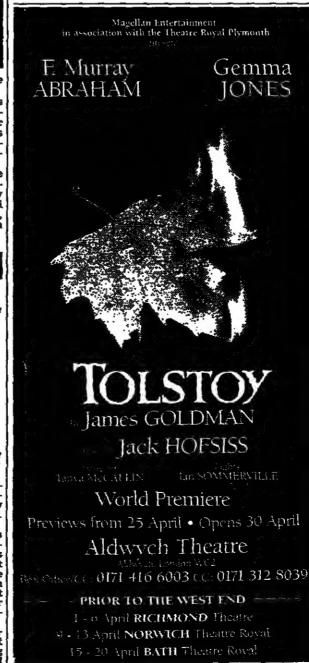


TONY BLAIR, to adapt a famous Majorism, uses language that is at ease with itself.
His command of oratory

displayed, some critics have suggested to excess, at the Labour Party conference last October in which Mr Blair

To hide the truth of the nation's problems, they h sold assets and used the proceeds to cover current spending; seventy billion ands gone forever. All around, people sing hymns to the invisible hand of the market as it brings equality and prosperity, as cascades of wealth tumble from generation to generation. Welcome to Planet Portillo. It is the theatre of the politically absurd. Tony Blair, left, (first conference speech as leader, 1994)

unveiled a devastating political weapon: the yerbless sentence. "New Labour. New Britain. New. Young. New Britain" became his mantra.
In the heat of debate, Blair's youthful good looks and per-sonable character are in his favour. "He's very good at grasping the human response that sounds like common sense, said Scarlett MccGwire, a media trainer who briefed John Smith be-



First constable to have his salary Olinked to his public performance

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

A CHIEF constable today be-CHIEF constable today becomes the first to have his
salary linked to public perceptions of his performance.
Walter Boreham, head of
the Ministry of Defence
police, will have his bonus
cut if he fails to win the approval of the people for whose safety he is responsible. The

move was attacked as "a dan gerous precedent" by the Police Federation, which said it was "quite inappropriate" for a senior officer's pay to be dependent on results.

The MoD police becomes an agency today, the first force

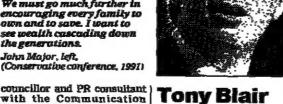
in the country to do so. Under the change of status, Mr Boreham becomes its chief executive although he redentials. will still be known as chief



no Mark Antony.

His diction is wooden and corsetted rather like, as one seasoned political observer put it, "a clumsy translation

Peter Bingle, a former Tory rattled.



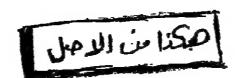
Tony Blair

His command of oratory could ironically prove a weakness on television, according to the psephologist, David Butler. "If anything, he is too fluent." Too fluent? "A nasty way of saying that would be smooth."

Such smoothness was displayed come celling here.

fore the last general election.

The beauty of a smallscreen combat would be that
it would level the playing



Gift from Virginia Woolf's niece inspires a Bohemian retrospective



Simon Bussy's animal series, and his portraits of (below right) his wife, Dorothy Strachey, and (below left) the writer André Gide

Left Bank meets Bloomsbury to toast portraits of two ladies



Paul Webster in Beauvals

ESCENDANTS and admirers of the Bloomsbury group and Paris Left Bank intel-lectuals will meet in this northern French town today for the inauguration of the biggest retrospective of works by Simon Bussy. the French painter whose wife was Dorothy Strachey. Although nearly 180 of Bussy's oil paintings and pastels will be shown most for the first time Beauvais has no direct link

with the exchange between two of the most influential cultural sets of the pre-war years. But it is to become the permanent home for Bussy's portraits of his Nouvelle Revue Française wife and their daughter through writers such as the

ewinners André | illustrate several books. md Roger Martin du The original paintings form much of the exhibition.

thy Bussy's autobiographical novel, Olivia, and Gide because of Dorothy's passion for the French writer, which led to the publication of volumes of their correspondence, and Fredish

But these are only two of the cultural figures, from Lytton Strachey to Henri Matisse, whose influence on the lives of the Bussys makes the Beauvais exhibition a mine of raw bio-

graphical material.
"I am distantly related to Bussy, whose family came from Dole [near Switzerland] where they were shoemakers for genera-tions," Dr Loisel said. He traced about 500 Bussy paintings, mostly in private British collections, includ-ing the Rothschilds'.

Bussy studied in Gus lave Moreau's class with quet. His first contact with the Stracheys was with Per-Janie, both of whom died in the Sorbonne. In 1903, after 1960. Among those invited today will be Angelica Garnett, the sculptor and niece of Virginia Woolf. Her book ried Dorothy, who was five

The links between Bloomsbury and the Nou-velle Revue intensified after the couple moved to childhood with her parents Vanessa Bell and Duncan Roquebrune, on the Riviera to a house called La Sonco, which Virginia Grant, both painters. She Woolf despised. It was there, and during regular now lives in Provence, and it was her recent gift of the portraits of Dorothy and visits to London — where Bussy taught Grant — that they lived the classic life of Janie that inspired the retrospective.

The Louvre gave the paintings to Beauvais Museum for its mid-20th censtruggling artists, provid-ing bed and breakfast for nany cultural leaders of

their generation.

Bussy — ironic and very tury collection. But it was a GP from the Pas-de-Calais. Philippe Loisel, who traced French, in Woolf's descrip tion — lived in Roquebrune opposite Gabriel Hanothe links between Blooms bury and the Left Bank's teaux, a historian who took him to Egypt and Sudan to

Major tests feeling on water industry competition

PM signals retreat over capital gains

But it underlines the folly

of attempting the technically complex task of modifying or

abolishing capital gains tax in the run-up to an election, since Labour would say min-

isters were protecting the chiefs of privatised utilities

No decisions on capital gains or inheritance taxes,

Premier remains

committed to the

emotive issue of

inheritance tax

lect and yield barely £3

billion, have yet been made. Officials said Saturday's

omission from Mr Major's text was caused by lack of space. But the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is thought to

siasm, not least because

accountants know how to

During the recent Finance Bill some Tory MPs called for

capital gains tax to be phased out or "tapered" so that the

longer investors hung on to

shares the less tax they would

have to pay. One concession,

neurs who sell out at 50

avoid such taxes anyway.

share options.

abolishing

Michael White Political Editor

OHN Major signalled a cautious pre-election retreat from his pledge to abolish capital gains tax at the weekend when he refrained from bracketing it with his now-familiar commitment to "cut and, when possible, abolish"

The Prime Minister's speech to the Conservative central council's spring conference in Harrogate bore the hallmarks of a market-testing operation to see which themes will play well with the voters when he goes to the country, either in October-November or, more likely, in April or May 1997. April or May 1997.

In spite of the BSE scare and low poll ratings, many activists left Harrogate convinced by ministerial assurances that their party has finally turned the corner. "Bucking the trend is the story of my life," Mr Major

told them.
As well as relaunching known policy initiatives — ranging from "choice" in schools to the imminent white paper on insurance options for financing long-term care for the elderly — he trailed Environment Secretary John Gummer's move later today against the priva-tised water industry.

death in London. Ms Gar-nett found the paintings of Dorothy and Janie in a

portfolio.
"I bought them because

along with Bussy's series on animals and fishes — hence the exhibition's title,

From the Zoo to the Gentry.

But the animal paintings
are unlikely to do as much

for his reputation as the 19 portraits, most of which were dispersed among pri-vate collections in a sale in

they were so lovely — not because of the family con-nections," she said. "Bussy The industry would soon face competition - in the that would allow one water company to sail its product,

territory. Given the uproar instead of 55, was introduced by Treasury minister Michael by Treasury minister Michael Jack.

Mr Major remains commit-ted to the emotive issue of abolishing inheritance tax even though critics complain that few of the relatively few voters who have enough money — net worth over £200,000 — to qualify for the tax are unworldly enough not to avoid paying it.
"I can't defend a

what their parents have worked to earn and save," he told party workers. "It's a tax on the family, and helping the family is what we're about." who have done well from

The passage which at-tracted most media attention was also dear to party activists hearts, the Prime Minister's confirmation that a green/white consulation paper is imminent to set out plans. first outlined in last year's budget, to ring fence some assets of those who insure themselves against the need for costly long-term care

in old age. Endorsing Peter Lilley's "partnership principle" -borrowed from the US where its success has been limited

Mr Major said: "Someone
who pays for their own care out of an insurance policy will then be given a higher capital exemption from the means test applied by local authorities for long term care fees when the insurance runs

Some 40,000 people are believed to have had to sell their homes to pay such fees. Insur-



Attention all shipping: some weather is missing

Deceived with Kindness

John Ezard

IGHT names as familiar as and more beloved than the cast of The Archers are due to vanish from BBC shipping

They are the coastal resorts
Fife Ness, Bridlington and
Dover, plus the inshore waters Walton-on-the-Naze, St Catherine's Point, Mumbles, Liverpool Crosby and Larne.

And much less crucial weather information will be and considered safe be-

broadcast on five sea areas cherished both by those who cause most of their data is col

go down to the sea in ships and those who like to imagine The dispute arose when the igency told the Met Office to themselves doing so. The areas are Dogger, Thames, Wight, Lundy and Rockall. stop paying coastguards 80p for each report, which gives some an extra £500 a year. But the agency has asked them to The names, spoken on air stree broadcasting started in the 1920s, were due to disappear from mkinight because of

the agency has asked them to keep filing reports.
One coastguard said, "Several times, when we've been too busy to file our coastal waters report, people have phoned up and said, "Why weren't we mentioned on the

Prison inspector dismisses boot camp plan

a dispute between coastguards and the Coastguard Agency.

continued from page 1 The regime is intended to rehabilitate, but is designed specifically for uniformed

The chief inspector is not the only person with reserva-tions about the boot camp. Last week the Prison Governors' Association passed a resolution demanding that a resolution demanding that a civilian governor should be in charge. It appears the civilian Rugby.

It is understood that described boots, not short, sharp, shock service official, but the mili-tailed work is under way on with a vengeance."

final say. This will be Mr Howard's

second boot camp. The first, with no military connections, opens this summer at Thornian inmates in September.

tary commander will have the | the regime that will face the persistent teenage offenders sent there. It will be austere, with an emphasis on drill, and with few privileges. Harry Fletcher of the National Association of Pro-

bation Officers said: "The clear signal that the army and ian inmates in separate not the Prison Service is with its emphasis on drill and manage that means that polished boots, means that short, sharp, shock is back



"One of the police officers called in even brought me one of his crazy letters and told me 'He just wants to talk things out with you'," she says. "I couldn't believe my ears. I've become a virtual prisoner in my own home." Maggie O'Kane

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News in brief

Island cancer

deaths studied

THE Government yesterday offered expert help to analyse cancer deaths on a Scottish island to see if they could be linked with fall-out from the Chernobyl nuclear power station explosion in 1986. Scotland's chief medical officer, Robert Ken-

explosion in 1986. Scotland's chief medical officer, Robert Ken-dell, said it was unlikely Chernobyl was responsible for a spate of cancer cases at Benbecula in the Western Isles. The Scottish Office offer came after local GP Francis Tierney noted 19 new cancers had been reported since 1994, when he

FOUR people are due to appear in court inday following the alleged three-day kidnap and in ture of a 27-year-old woman. The four, including a husband and wife and the husband's brother, are being held in custody and will appear at Horseferry Road

are being held in custody and will appear at Horseterry Roan magistrates' court.

Scotland Yard said the kidnap victim was freed from an address in London at about 10pm on Friday after an investigation by its organised crime group. Money, drugs and firearms were found. Barclay George Walters, 37, of Harlesden, north-west London, was charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment and firearms offences, Anurdoh Sharma, 31, and his brother Sanjeev Sharma, 27, both of Hounslow, west London, were charged with kidnap and false imprisonment, Sanjeev Sharma's wife Dipty, 25, was charged with false imprisonment. A fifth suspect, a 23-year-old woman student, was released on bail until April 13.

— Angella Johnson

Four charged over kidnap

The BSE trail

Brain disease 'predated BSE'

Owen Bowcott on scientist's findings in undiagnosed cases

strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease identi-fled by government researchers existed long befled by government government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee. Dr Roberts now works for Smithkline Beecham but

have come as the Ministry of Agriculture confirmed it is contemplating banning the people under the age of 42. use of blood from abattoirs as symptoms which persisted a fertiliser on farm land for long before death and a comfear that the disease could mon pattern of damage to enter water supplies. Dr Roberts reviewed stored

hack over the past 30 years. He is understood to have found undiagnosed CJD cases forms, or even mutations, of

samples of brain tissue dating ture, Fisheries and Food confound undiagnosed CJD cases list of animal waste which many of which exhibit fresh should be destroyed rather

Some of them, according to | ing it forward quickly."

show similar patterns of deterioration as the CJD strain identified in 10 victims by the research scientist.

The claims by Gareth
Roberts, a neuropathologist.

Health could not comment on

brain tissue The Ministry of Agriculfirmed it was considering whether to add blood to the than recycled through the the condition which gradu-ally destroys the brain.

volved in BSE research, that a third of all cattle going into the human food chain are in-fected with BSE were dismissed by the ministry.

Around 250 new cases of BSE are being identified each that twice as may remain undetected because they are car-rying "sub-clinical" infections. There are 11 million Labour's foreign affairs

claimed that the Government was planning to get rid of EU food hygiene regulations which it has condemned as becoming "increasingly complex and burdensome". A report has been sent to Brussels calling for simplifi-

cation, a Department of Health spokes woman con-firmed. "These regulations The Deputy Prime Minis-need consolidating. There is ter, Michael Heseltine, has at



Seven-month-old Masie Stubbs, who was among 1,000 villagers at Bradworthy, near Barnstaple, Devon, protesting at the EU ban on beef yesterday

no attempt to remove justified public health controls.

"Some of the regulations have completely different licensing requirements for the handling of mince meat as has also affected pigs, it was taked the quantity of EU miles which, he claims, implex and thought to originate in bird droppings, is passed to pigs through peat used as a bulking agent in their feed.

"We are not aware of any censing requirements for the handling of mince meat as compared with meat pies. There was an extensive public consultation excercise last summer. We are not trying to rising has forced Meat Hy-

The alarm over food safety has also affected pigs, it was revealed yesterday. Fears that the level of tuberculosis infection in pork meat may be giene Service inspectors to circulate warnings. This form of TB, known as

increase," a Ministry of Agri-

culture spokesman said, "It can be identified by characteristic lesions and the carcasses, or the areas affected, destroyed before they pass

THE Child Support Agency may be no help to low-income lone mothers, according to a study published to coincide with the agency's third anniversary today. Based on interviews last year with 53 lone mothers, the study says many on income support saw nothing of any maintenance collected from former partners; those lifted just above income support level by maintenance lost valuable linked benedits, and former partners often reacted by stopping informal help with children's clothing, birthdays and payment for school trips. — David Brindle

Child agency help limited

Travel shops challenge

UP TO 50 travel shops may be established in large towns and cities if an experiment in taking on the overseas package trade is a success. The first UK Holiday Shop opened in Northampton last month and another will follow soon in Chester in an attempt to create a brand image that rivals big travel agency chains.

Forty-two holiday operators are already backing the pilot scheme, part of a wider campaign by the English Tourist Board to revitalise the service offered by 550 tourist information centres, most run by local authorities. — James Meikle

Prescription cost attacked

SOME asthma sufferers are not taking vital drugs because they cannot afford the souring cost of prescriptions and are not aware of a government scheme to cut their cost, a charity warned yesterday. As prescription charges increased by another 25p an item to £5.50, the National Asthma Campaign called for an overhaul of the Government's season ticket scheme, which cuts

About 3 million people in the UK are estimated to suffer from asthma, but a survey carried out for the NAC indicates only half the population is aware of the scheme. More than one in 20 who paid for prescriptions could not afford the lump sum payment — £78.40 a year or £28.50 every four months — needed to benefit.

Lottery rollover

NO ONE scooped last week's National Lottery jackpot, so pext week's rollover top prize could be worth as much as £20 million. Thirty-two tickets won £98,838 each for matching five balls plus the bonus ball. The winning numbers were 37, 12, 49, 27, 26, 28. The

'Safe' does not mean 'zero risk', says scientist

Owen Bowcott

HE difficulty the Government faces in per-suading the public to return to British beef was

Whitehall and among health | small as to be almost | clared that British beef is safe | a risk then it cannot be safe," and safety officials — has negligible. | to eat. "Nothing is completely | a spokeswoman said yester-

failed to convince millions of consumers eager for absolute assurance that they cannot be poisoned by what they eat.

The position and meat he said: "The position has been made quite clear that both these substances are safe insuading the public to return to British beef was highlighted yesterday when a leading scientist confirmed that "safe" does not mean that "safe" does "without risk".

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to eat. "Nothing is completely without risk," a Department of Health spokeswoman added yesterday. "We would not use the word in an abso-lute sense."

day, "and there is a risk here." The Oxford Dictionary, likewise, defines safe as "out of, or not exposed to, danger".

clear power, researchers even tried to impose a numerical value on what is "safe". For the nuclear industry was felt that the public would accept a risk of one in a mil-tion that someone might die

because of a power plant. The Government and its critics can agree only that the risk from BSE is unquantifiable because of the state of

_abour spoof over Tory tax record

Michael White Political Editor

HE Labour Party last night stole a march on its rivals by becoming the first party in British political skulduggery to use April Fool's Day as justification for placing a spoof advertisement in the Times - purporting to offer taxpayers a £2,030 rebate from John Major's government. Behind the joke lies a campaign, set to be Party has decided to offer launched by Tony Blair and British voters their money Gordon Brown today, de-

after three years of steady increases in central taxation, they can now expect three years when ministers load an estimated £3.5 billion — equal to 2p on incouncil tax and unified business rates.

The full-page advertisement announces an eye-catching "£2030 Tax Refund" in large letters be-fore explaining "by way of apology the Conservative back" after 22 tax increases

signed to warn voters that, | since the 1992 election. | sionate" towards vulnerato be financed by "former Conservatives who support voters to phone Conservative Central Office or "post this coupon" to get a rebate cheque.
"We are truly sorry for

all the bardship we have caused," Conservatives are supposed to be admitting. Yesterday the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, was in no mood of contrition as he defended the Government's record, "tough but very compas-

ble groups, including the elderly, sick and unem-ployed. He cited the Chancellor's budget claim that average families will be £9 a week better off in the coming year. Labour officials have al-

ways attacked that figure as misleading and admit that their own £2.030 is open to similar objections in that it exaggerates the true position. Labour's usual charge is that taxes have gone up by around £800 for average families

Morris warns Blair over conference's policy sovereignty

Michael White

THE TRANSPORT work-ers' leader. Bill Morris, that the Labour conference will remain sovereign over policy-making despite plans to stage a pre-manifesto ballot among all 350,000 members. Hinting that the process might not end up as a formal ballot. Mr Morris told GMTV's

Sunday Programme: "We must wait and see. It's very early days yet. A lot of discus-

end of the day, the party con-ference is the sovereign body." The Transport & General Workers Union is campaign-ing for a commitment to a minimum wage of £4 an hour, something the Labour leadership is determined not to con-cede before it gains office, despite what Mr Morris called the absolute despair and poverty of people now working for as little as £1.20. Mr Blair is keen to avoid excessive expectations and



sion will take place before traditional charges of be- election." It would not be "a party conference. But at the trayal if Labour wins next passive vote" simply designed

year. He spoke of leaders having to "put the national interest before any sectional interest of your own party" even as he dismissed critics of his modernisation drive as "smaller than people think". Mr Morris's remarks prompted reassurances from

prompted reassurances from Robin Cook, the shadow foreign secretary, that the ballot concept floated by Mr Blair at last week's NEC meeting was not intended to "bypass or undermine" existing constitutional procedures, as some leftwing critics among MPs. leftwing critics among MPs and the unions fear.

On the same programme, Mr Cook stressed that "when we get to that (party) referen-dum we will already bave gone to conference and got the full approval of confer-

ence for the document" The ballot — which Mr Morris himself had called "a refreshing development in British politics" - was designed to persuade supporters to "campaign for this manifesto, to sell it at the general

to extract a Yes, but a conscious exercise

Mr Blair said on BBC1's Breakfast with Frost that he did not want. "to repeat the mistakes that some Labour governments in the past have made of coming to power with some vast programme, hugely raised expectations and trying to do everything at once The country wanted a fresh start, not a revolution with a government prepared to face hard choices rather than to

drift. He added: "I do not want to get into power with a whole load of great intentions and then find us falling spart because we're not exercising proper control."

Party critics fear that the leadership's concern to win mainstream respectability and avoid Conservative scare stories may render it unin spiring to core voters. Mr Blair's team is seeking balance in terms of a simplified



The broadcasts invariably begin with the rape or car crash or shooting of the day. Even small towns may suffer at least one of these mishaps

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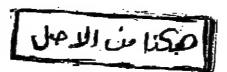
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Irish hospitality . . . Sinn Fein vice-president Pat Doherty canvassing in Ramelton where he repeatedly came up against the ceasefire issue

Road activists plan busy summer

Veteran campaigners moving to car culture and where it's make a real difference going. Everyone's read through direct action. other sites after 'moral victory'

Alex Bellos

EWBURY activists buoyed by the mo-mentum generated by the anti-bypass campaign are planning a summer of similar actions.

As people living in the last protest camps along come within a few months the route are evicted this when the Highways Agency week, ending the first stage of the battle against the road, veteran campaigners. have already started moving to other sites around the country.

In the three months since. clearance work started to the west of the Berkshire town, thousands of people ive travelled there to suptin Healer, aged 37, said:

anti-road campaign in Britain, becoming a focus for civil rights as well as environmental issues and costing the Highways Agency an estimated £1.5 million in

security. There have been more than 720 arrests. The next stage in con-struction of the road will when the Highways Agency awards the main contract. Until then several groups of protesters are forming camps off-route in prepara-

tion for further disruption. The mood in the camps yesterday was positive, despite the realisation that they had almost certainly failed to stop the road. Marabout how nature is getting trushed.

"Before the campaign we Friends of the Earth says

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even though the Newbury were hated. Now surveys show we have the support route has been cleared there is still a chance the of the majority of the population." He added that the cost to Tony Juniper, deputy cam-paigns director, said the awarding of the final con-tract could take many more police and the contractors

was so large that it might discourage road projects. The unprecedented interest that Newbury created has also inspired people to get involved in similar actions dealing with wider issues all around the

The highest-profile action is planned for the beginning of May when The Land Is Ours campaign will "reclaim" a derelict site near central London and turn it into a sustainable

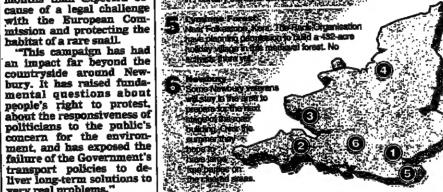
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Sinn Fein's peace test in Donegal

David Sharrock on byeletion dilemma

HE timing could not | failin be worse. Sinn Fein opport since the ending of the IRA ceasefire when it fields a strong candidate, party vice-president Pat Doherty, in an important by election in the Irish Republic.

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Irish Republic. Irish Republic.

But as Mr Doherty's team canvassed north-east Donegal this weekend they knew that the IRA's decision to end its ceasefire is weighing heavily on the minds of the voters.

It is something of a Catch 22 elimetrics. In order to demon-

situation. In order to demonstrate to militant republicans that the "unarmed strategy" is the right path to take. Sinn Fein must perform well at the polls. But in order to do that, the IRA's campaign of vio-lence must be an ever-reced-

ing memory.

The byelection takes place within the historic province of Ulster — Unionists sacri-ficed the three counties of Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan in order to create a perpetual majority — and is being closely scrutinised for indications as to how Sinn Fein might do in the May 30 Northern Ireland elections, if they take part.

Since Sinn Fein ended its abstentionist policy in 1986 and recognised the legitimacy of the the Dublin parliament. the party has harboured hopes of winning a seat in the border country of Donegal, where republicanism has firm roots.

The byelection was caused by the death of Neil Blaney. (MP), whose strongly-voiced "Brits Out" opinions caused him to leave Fianna Fail and stand as an independent. As Mr Doherty canvassed

in Ramelton, known as "the holy city" because of its preponderance of churches, he repeatedly came up against one issue. "People want the reasefire reinstated. The fact that the IRA has ended its easefire, well we just have to live with it," he said.

"You're not going to go from our electoral base to overnight success, but people are clearly recognising my leading role in the peace process. They would be concerned about the current saying that it is the British with Mr Doherty when it and the Unionists who are ran into one another.

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All the parties are th their all into Donegal last-minute bid to brit the vote. Gerry Adams Letterkenny last night, John Bruton the Fine leader and taoiseach. Dick Spring, his deputy the Labour leader, both s the weekend on the camp traii.

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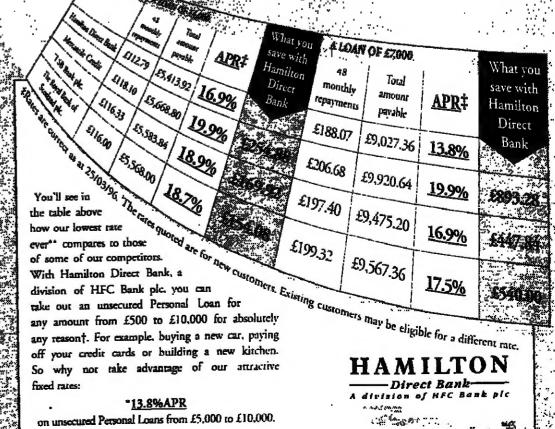
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The trials of Barbara Bush

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required to pay lip service to what President Ernesto Ze-

dillo, in a recent speech commemorating the 58th anniver-sary of the expropriation, called "a decision of courage

and national dignity taken by

leftwing opposition politi cians but also members of Mr

Zedillo's Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and the PRI-affiliated oil workers'

union, accuse the government

of planning a backdoor priva-

tisation of the industry, in vi-

Party of the Democratic Revo-

presidential candidate, they

have launched a 1990s version

of the compensation fund, in-

tended to finance a "socially

owned" company to buy the petrochemical industry from

It is a tall order: the PRD

itself estimates that the ask-

ing price will be in the region of £4 billion. But Amalia So-

lorzano, Cárdenas's widow.

who organised the 1938 collection, has set the ball rolling with the gift of a coin of that

The Zapatista guerrillas.

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first round of a fight between cover had been blown, along blamed Mr Agee for the death an ex-CIA whistleblower and with many others, by a traided woman once regarded as torous, tell-all book written less ideacrificed to who wander to by former CIA agent Philip tonly sacrificed to the second of At issue are not only mil-lions of dollars and the reputation of a presidential family, but the conduct of the American secret state in the darkest days of the cold war. How Mrs Bush came to be in this mess is simple enough.

In her 1994 memoir she recounted her husband's first weeks as the new director of the Central Intelligence

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bail-out plan. Ultimately, he

says, the US wants to see the whole industry in private

The point is underlined by

the PRD senator Heberto Cas-

tillo, whose warning to poten-tial investors is: "Watch out

The Mexican people, he adds grimly, may get angry and start placing bombs. "Terrorism is in fashion, I

don't know why the govern

tomorrow we'll take it

Agee," Mrs Bush wrote.

A quick glance at Mr Ages's 1975 book Inside the Company reveals a detailed diary of CIA antics and dirty tricks in Latin America in the 1960s, when Mr Ages was a rising star in the agency. There is no mention of Richard Welch. "It's not in there," Mr Agee said at his home in Hamburg. where he now lives in exile. "I never met the man, I never spoke to him, I never saw his

The libel action is aimed at finally clearing his name after years of hearing the same accusation repeated as

telligence officers".

Mr Agee says: "For 20 years now he's tried to say I'm res-ponsible. He knows perfectly well that it's a lie" rell that it's a lie Mr Agee said the CIA was determined to make him the scapegoat for Welch's death. even though its own papers made it clear he was not guilty. In fact, his lawyers say, Welch's identity had been exposed at least four times, long before the Agee

His CIA affiliation was first revealed in an East German "Who's Who in the CIA", then again in the anti-CIA publication Counter Spy. Finally Welch's name and address

month later.
The Agee team says even
Welch knew his cover had
been blown. He had been warned to leave his home widely known as the resi-dence of the CIA station chief. He reportedly refused, saying his wife liked the swimming pool too much.

He would have known, too, that he was an obvious target: in the Greece of the time anti-Americanism was running high, stirred by Washington's ort for the military junta which ruled until the 1970s. Philip Agee's case seems pretty watertight. Mrs Bush appears to have recognised as much with a revision in the paperback edition of her auto-

gone and the death of the "gentle Greek scholar" is blamed on his exposure in Counter Spy. According to Mr Agee's lawyers, the change proves that Mrs Bush knows she falsely defemed their client

But Agee vs Bush is un-likely to be so straight-forward. The two sides are locked in a wrangle over the question of where the case should be tried, at federal or at state level.

But the author, who was deported from Britain in 1977 on grounds of national security, believes an important princi-ple is at stake. "Honesty and getting the truth out." he says, "that's what I've been about all along."

News in brief

Bangladesh military back caretaker PM

BANGLADESHI military chiefs piedged full support yesterday to the caretaker head of government, Habibur Rahman, who has replaced the prime minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, in the

run-up to elections.

Mr Rehman, a 66-year-old former chief justice, took over as head of the non-party government on Saturday after the president, Abdur Rahman Biswas, dissolved parliament under mounting opposition pressure. Elections have to be held within

The chiefs of the army, navy and air force assured Mr Rahman of their "full support and co-operation in discharging his responsibilities in upholding the constitution, maintenance of law and order, and holding free and fair parliamentary elections", the news agency said.

Opposition leaders had been trying for two years to bring down Ms Khaleds's government. They beyoutted elections in February, insisting that her Bangladesh National Party (BNP) was incapable of conducting a fair vote. They then mounted a

Thousands of people swarmed on to the streets of Dhaka on Saturday, dancing and singing in celebration after Ms Khaleda gave up power. Tight security was in force to prevent a possible backlash from her followers.

"They difficult tasks ahead." Mr Rahmen said. "My prime

duty is to arrange a free and fair election, but my primary duty is to restore law and order." — Reuter, Dhaka.

Kurds 'declare war'

GERMAN politicians have denounced a Kurdish threat of attacks in Germany and against German tourists in Turkey as a "declara-tion of war". Abdullah Oecalan, leader of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which is banned in Turkey and Germany, told the Munich paper Stiddeutsche Zeitung that Germany could become the Kurds' "enemy number two" — after Turkey — because Bonn supplied arms to Ankara and barassed activists among the

supplied arms to Amazia and narassed activities among the 400,000-strong Kurdish community in Germany.

"Until now my guerrilla fighters have known how not to die.

Now they will learn it," he said. "Every Kurd will become a living homb." He threatened attacks on Turkish tourist spots in which "mainly German holiday makers would probably die".

Rundreds were injured and detained in recent riots by thou-sands of Kurds in Germany. The authorities ordered the instant deportation of the ringlesders.

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The foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said the warnings were intolerable and other government members spoke of a "a brutal declaration of war". - Ion Traynor.

Abacha sacks commanders

THE Nigerian military ruler, General Sani Abacha, has sacked his army and air force chiefs, a surprise move which further shakes the unstable West African country. A statement issued on Saturday said Major-General Alwali Kazir and Vice-Marshal Femi John Femi were replaced by Major-General Ishaya Bamaiyi and Air Commodore Nsikak Eduok. It did not say why the two men had been sacked or what had become of them. It is the second time Gen Abacha has fired his top military chiefs since he soized

power in a bloodless coup in November 1993.

The firings coincide with a visit by a United Nations delegation to evaluate Nigeria's progress toward democracy. The team arrived on Thursday at the invitation of Gen Abacha, who is trying to end his country's parish status since the executions of nine anti-government activists last November.

The team is holding meetings in the political capital Abuja. Human rights groups are threatening to boycott them if meetings are not allowed in the commercial capital Lagos. They fear they will be arrested if they have to travel to Abuja. Gen Abacha has iailed scores of anti-government activists and journalists during his rule. — AP, Lagos.

Tension rises in Lebanon

SOUTH LEBANON was in a state of high alarm yesterday as Israeli warplanes circled over towns and villages and the Islamist on northern Israel.

Israeli artillery fire on Saturdsy. Hours later Hizbuilah fired two salvoes of Katyusha rockets into Galilee, slightly wounding one Israeli. Both attacks were in violation of a 1993 agreement barring firing at civilians.

The exchanges brought diplomatic intervention by the United States, which brokered the 1993 agreement. The state department is said to have urged Syria to use its influence to restrain Hizbullah. Israel has said the shelling was "a mistake".

Yesterday Hizbullah warned residents of northern Israel, who

spent Saturday night in bomb shelters, that they could expect ore rocket attacks if Israeli gunners fired at Lebanese o again. — Derek Brown, Jerusalen

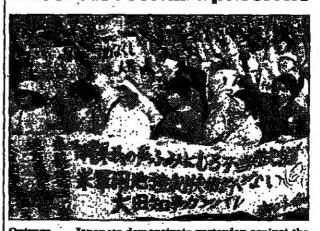
Ukraine killer hunted

A MASS murdater who has terrorised Ukraine for three months and killed 39 people has been identified by investigators as Sergei "Baldy" Ignatenko, an ex-convict from the Donetsk region. Police believe the 40-year-old is responsible for a string of village massacres in which entire families have been gunned down and their homes set alight. The killer is still at large. Ukrainians are bardened to the increase in crime since the collapse of the Soviet Union five years ago, but have nonetheless

peen shocked by the ferocity of the attacks in small rural commubeen anoused by the terochy of the attacks in small rulral communities darkened at night by the country's energy shortage.

The killings began on December 30 in Bratkoivichi, near the Polish border, when a man shot four members of a family with a hunting rifle and set fire to their home. Two weeks later the killer shot seven people, including five members of one family. Since then the killer has struck in five other villages in western and central Ukraine, murdering a total of 39 people, including eight children. — James Mesek, Riev.

Base raises island passions



Outrage ... Japanese demonstrate yesterday against the renewal of US bases in Okinawa, where a girl was raped by

Cambodian reports conflict

THREE Scotland Yard officers have arrived in the north-western Cambodian town of Siem Reap to advise on efforts to secure the release of the British mines-clearance specialist Christopher Howes, abducted last week by suspected Khmer Rouge guerrillas. The three arrived to confusion and contradictory reports from the provincial authorities about the progress of efforts by intermediaries to make contact with the gummen who seized Mr

Howes, aged 36, and his interpreter, Hour Hourth, aged 30.

The governor of Siem Reap, Toan Chhay, told representatives of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), for which the pair work, that he believed the hostages were still within reach of intermediaries, but that they had had no contact with the abductors so far. A man alleged to have helped the gummen kidnap Mr Howes and his interpreter has been arrested, the governor said.

Archie McCerron, head of MAG's Cambodia operation, said.

that MAG was not being given a regular update on developments and had only been able to meet the governor once since the hostage drame began. — Nicholas Čumming-Bruce, Phnom Panh.



Surin Sirinkon, leader of a group fighting land evictions, threatened to set himself alight during a protest against the Thai government. Thousands of farmers and workers have vowed to continue the anti-government rallies this week

Freedom statue stirs bad memories

But the minutes of an "in-David Beresford in Johannesburg reports on the controversy I terim committee" meeting last autumn show that Mi

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RESIDENT Nelson lighteners were eventually a full statue of Mr Mandels banned as a health hazard and a wall on which the to reconcile the "old" South Africa with the new is reaching fresh heights in after a campaign by South African doctors.

surrounding Nelson Mandela's plans for a national monument

Danie de Jager, a scuiphis plans to build a contro-versial national monutor identified with apart heid, has been commisment. It will include a 69ft sioned to design the monument, on a site near Pretoria. His works include a huge head of J. G. Strij-dom, considered to have "freedom" statue of Mande la's hand breaking through prison bars. The cost is esti-mated at £10 million. The controversy is due to been one of the most racist his choice of men to carry of South Africa's prime ministers, and a statue for the grave of Hendrick Verout the work.

Mr Mandela appointed woerd, the "architect of apartheid". Sol and Abe Krok as project leaders. The multi-million-

The monument is to be surrounded by pillars and walls in the style of Stoneaire brothers made their fortunes selling cosmetics to blacks, including skinlightening creams. The henge, and will also include

and a wall on which the word "freedom" is repeated in 100 different languages. A "museum of apartheid" is to be added later, at a cost of £10 million. But there are doubts

whether the "beacon of freedom" will see the light of day. Mr Mandela's office said the project was "on hold" while it decided on an "appropriate way" of dealing with it dealing with it.
The Krok brothers also

stressed that the scheme had only reached the stage of "feasibility studies" and of "feasibility studies" and try's rugby players could insisted that they had not retain the emblem long received any money from

Kroks "to provide bridging finance" and had "indi-cated that the government was backing the project financially". Mr De Jager, who has aleady sunk a small fortune

into the project, says the models have been completed and be expects a formal announcement from Mr Mandela soon. Meanwhile Mr Mandela has succeeded in saving the Springbok emblem.

Mandela had asked the

The National Sports Council reversed an earlier decision at the weekend and agreed that the counassociated with white

Kashmiri separatists count cost of police attack on shrine

in New Delhi

ASHMIRIS maintained a sulien silence yesterday as the full horror of the killing of more than 20 militants by security forces at the valley's holiest shrine began to

Twenty-two militants were shot dead or burnt alive in buildings adjoining the mosque of Hazratbal, which Kashmiris believe contains a hair from the beard of the Prophet Mohammed, in a dawn raid on Saturday.

police order to surrender with their weapons by opening fire. No police deaths were reported. Five of the dead have still to

from the debris, to support

the government's claim that they died in a gunbattle after trying to enter the shrine.

According to the official version, the militants were

killed when they defied a

damage to adjoining build- | though two appeared to be ings, suggesting the militants had been overwhelmed by the teenagers. Three armed men, three women and two children were given safe pa They thought that some of the burnt bodies had been shot after being recovered out of the area before the shooting began. Shops and businesses

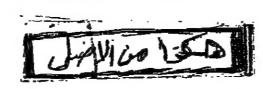
remained shut yesterday in Srinigar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, in a strike called by the separat-ists in protest at the killings. The attack virtually eliminates a faction of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) which had controlled the area of the shrine for more than a year. Shabir Siddigi, the faction leader. Journalists who visited the be identified, their corpses was buried on Saturda scene said there was little burnt beyond recognition. were the other militants.

The weekend killings seem likely to strengthen condem-nation of India's human rights record in the valley at the United Nationa Commission on Human Rights, now meeting in Geneva.

Amnesty Internation and the United States state depart-

ment have already censured New Delhi for the killing of a leading human rights lawyer, Jalil Andrabi, whose body was fished out of a river on Wednesday.

But international criticism must be weighed against New Delhi's determination to hit hard at the militants before the general election, which



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Russia calls a truce in Chechenia

David Hearst in Moscow

RESIDENT Boris Yeltsin ordered a unilitely to at much ice with Mr Dudayev as it falls a long way from interpendence. There was no word last night and offered to start negotiations with the rebel Chechen leader, Dzhokhar Dudayev.
But Russian forces continued their controversial longrange bombing of rebel villages up to the ceasefire at midnight last night and the commander in chief of Russian forces. Colonel-General Tikhomirov, said the president's declaration of peace "did not mean a stopping of all operations".

Mr Yeltsin also revealed that any talks with Mr Dustyev, deputy to the Chechen commander Shami Passayev. "Boris Yeltsin et do not by the Commander Shami Passayev."

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Mr Yeltsin also revealed that any talks with Mr Dudayev - who is still the sub-ject of a Russian arrest warrant — would be through a third party.

The main condition under which negotiations on the status of Chechenia could be started is normalising the sit-uation in the republic and establishing peace, calm and stability there," said Mr Yeltsin in a nationwide address.
"For the sake of that we are ready to enter in to negotiations, through intermediar-

ies, with Dudayev's side."

But with the Russian foreign minister, Evgeny Prima-kov recently, ruling out inde-pendence for Chechenia, no new political breakthrough is expected even if talks do come about. Most of the political measures announced by Mr at fostering a Chechen-to-Che-

chen dialogue. These included the idea of convening a peace forum of Chechen elders and representatives to prepare for an election of a new parliament backed, eventually, by a devolution treaty.

Such a scenario, which is

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agreement."
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equally sceptical. "I believe
it when I am backome."

Under Mr Yeltsir fire plan Russian tre be pulled back to the of Chechenia, leaving terior-ministry and or brigade in charge of the towns, strategic cro-and bridges. But the ate further terrorist a Responses to them

The recent Russian sive has recaptured muthe ground lost when Ru troops halted their operat last year to start direct potalks in Grozny. Mr Yel said two-thirds of Cheche was now under the contro federal forces.

involved heavy civilian cas alties, it is unlikely to tan Mr Dudayev's forces for lon They could, however, use the comes, to regroup.

similar to Russia's arrange Martin Walker, page 9

Moscow threat to arms pact

lan Black

EARS are growing that Russia's ambition to cated weapons and technol-compete with the West ogies before the Gulf war. coolly. "OK," he said. been attacked before, such tar at 74 women carrying a trashed," said Zaina nalists and aid workers, "Next time we'll iry to finish you off faster." | Visit the camps had been weapons and technology deals with conventional zayava, one of the women. So it was difficult to corroblated. "Afterward, an officer orate the reports." | Visit the camps had been weapons and technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology deals with conventional could undermine this week's weapons and dual-use technology and this has led to disfor monitoring exports.

Moscow's attitude will be

on the minds of diplomats of dual-use goods, are obliged from 28 countries meeting in to reveal sales information to Vienna tomorrow for the first plenary session of the fledg-ling Wassenaar Arrangement, nating Committee on Export Controls (Cocom). But many

The Wassenaar Arrange-ment, named after the diploment, named after the diplo-matic quarter of The Hague where it was set up last De-cember, is intended to ex-change information about the transfer of "sensitive dual-use cluding machine tools, com-puters and cipher equipment.

Controversy has dogged it from the start, including criticism of its blanket ban on sales to Iran, Iraq, Libva and North Korea, and complaints that Western countries will use the guidelines to maintain their dominant role in their dominant role in participation.

"Wassenaar would be without Pussian North Korea, and complaints

non-producers and are insisting that the main arms ex-porters — the US, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia - should follow suit.

sion after the collapse of the

Soviet Union and the Warsaw

Pact was underlined by Iraq's

Wassenaar, unlike Cocom,

putes. Japan and Switzerland, two of the largest producers

ability to acquire sophisti-

There are fears about Rusjoin Wassenaar after bowing to a US demand that it should not to sell Iran any more sensitive equipment, such as nu-clear reactors and submarines, than had been

agreed. Russia is wary of any attempt to subordinate its interests to those of Nato countries because it has already lost much of its share of the global rivals. Diplomats predict that if President Yeltsin loses the

the world's arms markets.

Britain says it is committed to ensuring transparency in arms transfers and enhancing world stability, but also "to ensure a level playing field for British industry".

Cocom was wound up in "Wassenaar would be meaningless without Russian participation," said Bronwyn Brady of the Basic arms control group "But if Russian participation is only nominal it would be as bad as if Russia wasn't there at all."

News in brief

Go-between in ranch siege

THE battle of wills between the US government and a cell of heavily-armed extrement and a said he would mediate beist fugltives intensified yesterday, as a far-right folk hero offered to mediate. Jonathan Freedland in Washington

Randy Weaver, a white sep-

tween the FBI and the socalled Freemen who have been locked in a six-day siege in Jordan, Montana. The Freemen have declared

a 960-acre farm to be an indearatist whose wife and son pendent political entity, free were killed by FBI agents dur- of the US state.

| 50 opposition leaders and in-

Kinkel warns

Klaus Kinkel, said yesterday that German and possibly European aid for post-war reconstruction would be with-

warring parties to honour the peace accord. — Reuter.

fluential figures to take part in a dialogue on the country's future, but has conspicuously shunned radical Muslim fun damentalists, political sources said. — Reuter. 'Bandit' to stand

Phoolan Devi, India's notori-

ous "Bandit Queen", said in New Delhi yesterday that she would stand as a socialist in elections for the federal parliament. — AP.

Author silenced Chinese police prevented the

from speaking at a charity event in Beijing, apparently



'Why not just finish us off?'

Houses are burned and bodies lie on the streets. Lee Hockstader writes from Sernovodsk

their eyes on their feet, the refugees from the charred ruins of Chechen villages near here shuffled silently past a Russian military checkpoint. None had much to say to the camou-flaged soldiers who had burned their houses, killed their livestock and left their villages strewn with their neighbours' corpses. Suddenly, a middle-aged

rate that has stunned relief workers and human rights groups — but has been largely ignored by the

Western governments.
In the past three weeks
Russian artillery and helicopter gunships have pounded Chechen towns and villages while Russian Suddenly, a middle-aged woman turned on the Russian troops. "This is already the third time you've done this to us," she and human rights groups

done this to us, server with and fin-A Russian soldier called escaped the fighting, as Dima gazed back at her well as towns which have

As Russian troops press a troops killed more than 100 spring offensive against civilians a year ago. rebels in Chechenia, they In the latest places de-are killing civilians at a stroyed — west, east and south of Grozny, the Chechen capital — hundreds of civilians are reported to bave died this month.

Aid workers and even officials of the Moscow-installed Chechen government say Russian troops are out of control. "It's the worst I have

ever seen, and I've seen a lot," said Peter Rohrbach of the International Committee of the Red Cross, who has worked in Crostia, Somalia and other war zones. "I was shocked."

many and the Benelux states.

In an ostentatious move

Saddam Hussein are facing

In one recent incident reported by the Red Cross. Russian troops fired a mor-



attack, the women had been granted permission by road that was shelled. At least six were wounded.

"The soldiers who did it were drunk, totally foreigners, including jour-

said that before the Russians began attacking the Chechen towns and villages, they opened a corri-dor for civilians to flee their homes — but only for couple of hours. Relief workers have reported that scores of Che-

Independent observers

civilians were killed by Russian soldiers when they entered the town after sev eral days of shelling. chen men and boys, some only 10, some as old as 65 He saw them seize a womhave been arrested and an and take her to a nearby taken away. Between 100 and 200 men were arrested in Samashki and dozens

house, where her body was ater found. In an incident reported by the Moscow Times, Rusmore in Sernovodsk. Nearly all the refugees on the road last week were sian troops ordered 18 women and children in Sa-mashki to line up against a wall, then tossed grenades at them, killing four women and wounding The men are believed to

torture.

have been taken by the Russians to detention centres known as "filtration camps", in which there had

boen widespread reports of Red Cross and other officials said recent requests to in the sale of sensitive

Troops barred access to Samashki and nearby Sernovodsk to outsiders and

hell are you doing? These

Boris Kaniev, mayor of

Sernovodsk, another town

Amnesty International that

European youth.

Formally, the possession and use of soft drugs is pro-

turn a blind eye, as they also do to possession of small amounts of hard drugs. There are around 1,000 coffee shops

in Amsterdam trading in

hashish, patronised by about a million people a year.

Mr Chirac wants them all closed. The bill limits the

The government resents the pressure from its neighbours and has produced statistics to show that its drugs policies

work better than those in France and Germany. It has convinced some: five of Ger-

many's 16 states are backing

number to 1,000 nationally.

Dutch told to tighten drug laws

Giscard critic elected leader in his place

Paul Webster in Paris

ELIVERING a humiliating rebuff to former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the Union for French Democracy (UDF) chose François Léotard, his arch-critic and former defence minister, as its new chairman yesterday.

Mr Giscard, who founded the multi-party group 18 years ago to counter domina-tion of the right by the Gaull-ist RPR, retired as UDF leader last week having failed to make it France's biggest polit-ical force. His last-minute public appeal in favour of Alain Madelin, the former finance minister, rallied less than a third of the party at a

Lyon congress. Mr Giscard, aged 70, head of state from 1974 until he was beaten in 1981 by the Socialist leader François Mitterrand. leader François Mitterrand, was visibly shaken by the fact that 57 per cent of UDF delegates backed Mr Lêotard, aged 54, who spent years claiming that Mr Giscard was too old to lead the country's second most powerful right-

wing force. Mr Giscard's rearguard fight for Mr Madelin has confirmed a deep rift in the UDF, which has 12 ministers in sion in the governing coaligovernment and controls the senate, most regional councils and some big cities.

In a voice broken by emo-tion, Mr Giscard implied that Mr Léotard, chairman of the UDF's biggest component, the Republican Party, was responsible for "chronic divbeing a unifying force who months in office. could prepare the ground for a UDF-led government after the 1996 general elections.

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François Léotard: Record of

porting Jacques Chirac's Gaullist rival Edouard Balla-dur in the presidential elec-tion, appears ready to recast the movement by seeking new

components. His closest political friends are the former European Parliament Speaker Simone Veil. and the education minister, François Bayrou. But he needs partners in the Gaullist movement if he is to gain enough support for an even-tual presidential bid. His retion, which has suffered from Mr Giscard's 20 years of political enmity with the president.
Mr Léotard's commitment

to Europe is more credible and consistent than that of Mr Madelin. His ultra-conservative views offended the isions". Mr Madeliu, aged 50, who received 30 per cent of the vote, was credited with minister in August after three

Mr Madelin's outspoken Thatcherite views make him a natural enemy of Mr Chir-But the wrangling at the congress has raised doubts whether the UDF will be able Madelin, a vice-chairman of celebrations with their ing with a damaging internal surveys showed he was far struggle.

Mr Léotard, who lost his cabinet job last May after sup-

aimed at forcing the Dutch to advocate of the open-borders standing policy which has fall into line, President Jac regime. But a year after made the city a mecca for lan Traynor in Amsterdam ques Chirac closed France's borders with the Benelux QUARTER century of states last week to combat the

tolerating soft drugs is under threat in the Netherlands as Germany and alleged drugs menace. He described Dutch policy as a "scandal", and a French France step up pressure on the Dutch government to fall into line with their anti-drugs as a "scandar", and a French
parliamentary report by Mr
Chirac's party demanded a
blanket ban on drug-dealing
in the European Union.

Mr Asimher Giannes data
the Netherlands played a
huge role in Germany's drugs
problem: more than 80 per
cent of the drugs seized in policies. Manfred Kanther, the Ger-

in the European Union.
The Dutch prime minister,
Wim Kok, responded by calling Mr Chirac "unbalanced", man interior minister, joined the chorus of French condeming Mr Chirac "unbalanced", and senior Dutch officials said it was impossible to conduct "rational" discussions with him on the drugs issue.

But the government has nonetheless responded to the pressure by introducing a bill to curb cannabis sales and the curb cannabis sales and the man and dealers is laid back.

They regard the government is convice to fornation of Dutch policy at the weekend while the Bavarian prime minister, Edmund Stoiber, said in the Netherlands that The Hague would not be able to continue with The Franco-German campaign comes a year after the Schengen accord opened bor-ders between France, Ger-

Schengen came into force, Bonn is leaning on its smaller neighbours to make their legislation in contentious areas dovetail with its own. Mr Kanther claimed that

Germany came from there. The French say that more

to curb cannabis sales and and dealers is laid back.
reduce the amount that may be held without fear of ment bill as lip-service to for-

the Dutch, urging Mr Kok to continue his "pragmatic and humane" drugs policies. penalty. Germany is the strongest fear of a real shift in a long-

Last hurrah for Operation Comfort

has been installed. protect the Kurds of Northern Iraq A chain of "Morale dier-generals. General Don-ald Lamontagne, the new American arrival, refused to be deskbound and has al-ESTERN allies pro-tecting the Kurds of the latest battle for their games, a travel agency.

eviction from Incirlik airbase in southern Turkey. The Ankara parliament renewed the mandate of the for the Iraqi leader who brought them together. mission last week for what could be the last time. Operation Provide Comfort - increasingly controversial inside Turkey, in-creasingly forgotten outside — was grudgingly extended by MPs until June

Chris Nuttall reports from Incirlik

prime minister, promised it would not continue past then in its present form. Turkey's pro-Islamic Welfere Party is now the Instead of having to pack up and leave this morning, the 1,500 British, American

tecting the Kurds of Northern Iraq from Ryder Mug on the nine-hole solf course laid out among golf course laid out among the runways. There will be barbecnes and tugs of war, and little thought spared

But it could be the last hurrah. Turkish politicians say the security zone established by Operation Pro-vide Comfort has provided a safe haven for the separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and allowed the setting up of a de facto after Mesut Yilmaz, the Kurdish state by its Iraqi counterparts.

> largest party in parliament and favours closer ties with Baghdad and the rest of the Muslim world. The uncertain future for the mission is reflected in

chris Nuttail reports from Incinik
airbase on a forgotten Western mission to

shop, surgery, fully-equipped symnasium and what the Combined Task Force chaplain calls his "canvas cathedral". Last weekend an earlylite on whether the no-fly

zone established above the 36th Parallel was being

breached by President The planes were soon back due to bad weather. "Usually it's clear and we come back with good results," said Wing Com-mander Rick Cobelli, the pilot of one of the Tornados on reconnaissance. "There's a lot of Iraqi

military equipment to be disastrous. seen, but most of it is static." President Saddam has positioned his fifth army the exodus of 2 million above the 36th parallel, but Kurds which led to Provide

But the dirt floors have | zone in the past two-and-ahalf years. The co-commanders of **Operation Provide Comfort** are US and Turkish briga-

ready piloted an F-16 over and-a half million people since we've started. We've warning plane beamed resettled 700,000 and con-back information by satel- structed 12,000 permanent shelters every year since

> Although there have been suggestions that the operation could move to southern Cyprus, US officials say the ejection from Incirlik would make the mission unspstainable. The KDP and PUK, the Iraqi Kurdish groups domi-

1991." he said.

nating the region, say the consequences for the Kurdish people would be Safeen Dizayee, the An-kara representative of the KDP, predicted a repeat of

on Bosnia aid The German foreign minister.

held if the last prisoners of war in former Yugoslavia were not freed by midnight.
Mr Kinkel was reiterating the position of the five bigpower sponsors of Dayton — the United States, Britain. France, Germany and Russia
— who called on the former

There are plenty of solutions

THIS WEEL'S "Jobs Summit" in Lille of the seven leading industrial countries will doubtless be blown out of the headines by the continuing fracas about mad cow diseas. Yet on present evidence more damage is caused to patth, peace of mind and even to life itself by the unrepitting scourge of unemployment which currently clams over 30 million victims among western industrial economies. Unlike BSE, high unemployment can be ared — by a judicious mixture of macro and micro ernomic policies — if only the politicians would throw the melves behind it on an international scale. The met solution is surprisingly time-tested, even old-fashiond: economic growth. Of course the world isn't the safe as it was before. Globalisation, the labourreducis effects of the information technology revolution of the rise of the Asian "Tiger" economies have all me job creation more difficult, but not impossible. La month the US economy alone generated over 700, new jobs. In the seven years to 1990 the UK ecorny saw an increase of 1.8 million in the number of empyees in employment. That was partly due to the innonsible over-expansion of the Lawson years (averagrowth was almost 4 per cent for five years) which rainto the buffers with consequent loss of jobs. A less ritious but more sustainable rate of growth (of say 2 to 3.0 per cent) could have created a continuing am of new jobs over a longer period. Given the angth of world-wide deflationary forces at the moat, an expansionary policy of this sort is much less ely to generate inflation than it did in the late 1980s. If micro-economic policies were implemented simulneously - and we have an abundance of possible chemes at the moment — then unemployment would e well on the way to being reduced to a tolerable level. in a "Letter to Lille" published today, Britain's Employment Policy Institute reminds us of the full array of welfare-to-work schemes available including cuts in non-wage labour costs to encourage recruitment inwork benefits to encourage unemployed people to take low-paid jobs: benefit transfers that convert welfare payments to the unemployed into subsidies paid to employers prepared to hire them: and public sector job guarantees to the long-term unemployed as an alternative to the dole. Most of these schemes are surprisingly cheap because any outlays by the Government are to a significant extent offset by the dole outlays saved. The Employment Institute is right to remind us that

unemployment could also be tackled if those lucky enough to be in employment (most of whom have done rather well in recent years) would settle for lower real wage increases in order to fund more jobs in the public and private sectors. Between 1978 and 1992, according to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the hourly earnings of the average man rose by 33 per cent and the highest paid by 50 per cent while the pay of the lowest paid men hardly changed at all. Is this what we mean by community? Surely people would vote for a government prepared to spread wealth creation around just a little bit more fairly in order to reduce unemployment.

And that's just talking about what can be done unilaterally by one country. Europe is much bigger than the sum of its parts and if macro-economic measures (like further reductions in interest rates) | 27). This formation was no were combined with EU-wide infrastructural spending and pro-active labour market measures the effect could be dramatic. Although individual EU countries export and import as much as 30 per cent of their output, it is mainly to other European countries. Europe as a whole only imports 7 per cent of demand and regularly sports and it was decided to phase a surplus on the current account of its balance of out this practice by injecting payments. It has formidable self-sufficient economic power if only it would realise its potential. Instead of running at break-neck speed to impose a single curency for political reasons, the EU should solve its internal economic problems first. If it did that then the path to a single currency would be made that much more easy.

The end of cash

As long as the banks pull their digits out

STAND by for a re-run of the VHS-versus-Betamax war over video standards - only this time the battle will be fought betwen rival providers of electronic money. It is not exactly a talking point in the Bull and Bush yet but it may soon be. The world's banks are preparing rival payments systems to try to persuade us to leave our bank notes and coins at home and use electronic money (e-money) instead. One of the world leaders is Mondex (backed by Nat-West and the Midland) whose "electronic purses" are being tested by 10,000 people in Swindon. They are small devices which can be loaded with electronic cash from telephone kiosks or even from digital phones. The money can be spent in shops with suitably equipped machines or exchanged directly between two or more people equipped with electronic purses. Since cash accounts for 80 per cent of 200 billion transactions that occur in Europe alone, the scope for profits looks huge — especially since the banks reckon it costs \$45 billion a year to handle all this cash.

Although the Swindon experiment hasn't been quite as successful as Mondex would have liked, the company is preparing to go national and eventually global. The trouble is that Visa is now working with some of NatWest's competitors including Barclays and Lloyds on a rival electronic purse which may not be compatible. In America Citicorp (among others) is working on its own Electronic Monetary System which, unlike that of Mondex, allows the banks to keep track of the money they are issuing. Mondex's money - in common with existing pound notes - can't be traced from one person to another. This could be an advantage since it avoids the Big Brother stigma of transactions which can be monitored by the authorities.

Electronic money has exciting possibilities not least the fact that it could offer many of the features of a single European currency (like minimal transaction costs and instant transferability) without all the aggro. Mondex's technology allows for up to five currencies to be carried on a single card. So if you want to deal only in French francs or German marks - or the proposed Euro - you could easily do so without Britain necessarily having to give up sovereignty. But the universality of electronic money will be lost if everyone has to choose between four or five rival and, almost certainly, incompatible systems. The world's leading bankers should be locked in a room and not allowed out until they have agreed a common world standard.



Letters to the Editor

Beef evidence salted away

THE ban on feeding rumi-nant protein to cattle and sheep was implemented in 1988 to prevent any new infection with the BSE agent (Beef aid pledge by EU, March 30). By the end of 1993, it was apparent that a large number of BSE cases were being seen in cattle born after the ban (BAB), suggesting it was not working. Imagine my horror to be informed (not in writing, hasten to add) that suspec BAB cases reported by practising veterinary surgeons such as myself were unlikely to be slaughtered immediately but rather would be re-visited by MAFF vets a few weeks later and a decision made then. Ostensibly this was to reduce the number of falsepositive cases seen. This appears at first sight be permy-pinching by MAFF at the expense of the farming industry and public. A far more sinister interpretation is that MAFF did not want to know (and admit to) BAB case since their presence showed that the ban was not working

Shelled out

Name and address supplied.

SHELL'S decision in the early 1970s to dispose of produced water into the Midyat formation was then considered the best environ-mental solution (Shell 'polluted water supply', March then used for water supply and indeed, injection was more expensive than the then accepted practice of disposing in a river. European legislathe water into the deeper oilbearing Mardin reservoir. Present injection quantities to the Midyat are low compared with the total volume of the formation, annually about on thousandth of one per cent of it. Divarbakir currently takes some 10 per cent of its water supply from the Midyat, and has alternative supplies. Shell is committed to fund the monitoring of the production water's advance in the underground formation and any remedial actions necessary. Eric Nickson. Head Media Relations. Shell International Limited, Shell Centre

Dearing not selected

T the expense of being dubbed a "myopic old buffer" (Leader, March 28) may I, with substantial experience of both further education and A-level examining, offer a critique of the latest

Dearing proposals?

The "gold standard" of A-levels has not been consistently maintained. In some reas, it has been debased by heavy addition of course work, which might or might not be the candidate's unaided effort. Our whole examination system now de-pends heavily on the relative honesty of candidates;
• HALF A-levels at 17 are

suitable only for subjects where knowledge or specific skills are acquired in sequence; they are inappropri-ate where maturity of critical understanding is the key to high marks;

 Any genuinely independent assessment of "applied A-level" performance would be hugely time-consuming and expensive. Anything short of this would mostly replicate the dangers inher ent in the present systems of largely internal assessment involved in GNVQ, NVQ and most — though not all other

John Hadwin. Cumbrae. 16a Semaphore Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3PT.

OR years the Tories have wrestled with the problem: how to tempt parents with talk of grammar schools without daring to mention the sec-mods for the "also-rans". John Major's solution is so simple: let all schools become selective. No more embarass ing sec-mods that nobody wants, only lots of lovely grammar schools. There's one small point left for Gillian to clear up - just what will hap-pen to those who dare to fail the "local consortia-managed examination for 11-year-

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N THE 1970s when I taught in secondary school, the top ability band took GCE subthe local "Tec" for practical courses twice a week and the lower ability band had some-thing called "Newsom" where they shopped and gardened for the elderly. But that was before we had these reforms designed to raise standards — like the National Curriculum key stage tests, league tables and parental choice. Now we also have the return of selec-tion. If this is a U-turn, I think we should be told. Gwen Wallace. Professor of Education. University of Derby, Derby DE3 5GX.

COMMENDABLE though Sir Ron Dearing's inten-tions are to end the divide between education and training, it is disappointing that he perpetuates the use of the term "academic" and "vocational" in ways which sug gest that clear distinctions may be drawn between them

This is to rearrange the deckchairs an the Titanic. A truly twenty-first century approach would recognise that human abilities and the needs of society can-not so easily be categorised. We should forget "academic" and/or "vocational" and concentrate on realising the potential of every individual

David Ainley. 41 The Hill, Cromford Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3RF.

THE Government is using the education of our children as an electioneering immick. How much mor backward-looking is it poss ible to be than to re-introduce a system which stigma tises 11-year-olds? Are they to suffer yet an

other major upheaval in the way schools are organised? What children need most of all is stability and encouragement. Zena Berg. 20 Rooks Street, Cottenham, Cambridge CB4 4RB.

- STARKLY

Cyprus killing places all the armed forces in the firing line

of killing Louise Jensen "are not representative" (Soldiers get life for Cyprus killing, March 30).

Yet quotes from servicemen, such as "the first homo-sexual to come out will get at-tacked or shot," and "I would quite happily smash their faces in if I found any in my unit" were recently put for-ward by the Ministry as representative, and as a justifica-tion for barring homosexuals from the armed forces.

If sexism were unaccept-able in the forces, not only would tragedies like the death of Ms Jensen be less likely. but homosexuality would not be perceived as such a threat. John Warburton. Easter Road,

SERVED as a military policeman throughout the second world war and find it impossible to understand what policing is now used. Perhaps the lack of finesse in policing helps to explain the surfacing of this mindless rabble. I cannot accept that the brigadier is not lying

AMINISTRY of Defence when he claims that the three spokesperson said the animals now awaiting conthree servicemen found guilty tainment are the only ones in nearly 5,000 to be tainted with savagery. Ronald Saunders. Montserrat Road, London SW15.

> OVER the last few weeks, we have read about drunken soldiers fighting with tourists on UN duty in Cyprus, racism in the Guards, and that over 80 per cent of male soldiers are so homo-phobic that they could not work with a gay man. In its poster recruiting campaign, the Army says it wants men and women wanting to do humanitarian relief work to

We need to put our resources into a dedicated hu-manitarian corps, perhaps fam. Save the Children, Mede-cins sans Frontieres and the ICRC. I would be happier suggesting that a sensitive young person wanting to do humaniorganisation than the current British Army. Michael Peel. Mattock Lane, London Wa.

A Country Diary

days have coaxed the slightest loosening of bud scales on lands. The effect is barely disbud -- just a pale zone, per-haps a millimetre or two wide, buds, on hundreds of thousands of twigs, has produced a shift in tint when sunlight strikes the treetops. It is as though a water colourist has laid washes of pale purples, browns and oranges across the tree canopy. The same effect is evident in grassland, where a green mist of millions of bright green leaf tips is rising through the snow-flat-tened thatch of last year's dead and decaying vegetation. The slow subtlety of the earl-lest stages of spring is brightsplashes of vibrant colour. Along the banks of the Tees below Barnard Castle we found bright patches of winter

TEESDALE: A few milder | aconites in full bloom. Although it is a garden escape, introduced from southern Europe this member of the buttercup family is a welcome addition to the local flora. Drifts of its golden yellow flowers flourish in several between each scale — but places in Weardale and Teesfrom a distance the effect is dale in March, when only obvious. The swelling and snowdrops are in bloom. Be-change of hue of millions of tween their "petals" and whorls of stamens aconite flowers carry a ring of green. tubular nectaries, brim-full of nectar that glistens in the sun-light, but a closer look reveals that all is not as it seems. This plant has no petals in the strict botanical sense. The bright yellow "petals" are really coloured sepals, that sit above a ruff of leafy bracts, while the true petals have shrunk and evolved into the secretory nectaries. Green and stinking beliebores, two much rarer natives of Teesdale, share this odd floral architecture, and all three species provide a rich nectar reward for early spring bees. PHIL GATES

Critic reviewed

N JANUARY I visited an ex-hibition which included the paintings of your art critic, Adrian Searle. A couple of years ago, I also attended a show at The Hayward Gallery which he had curated, subtitled Possibilities In

Whilst applauding attempts by self-important critics to ists, should be doing, the results might have been laughable had they not been so depressing. Whatever might be said of

Julian Spalding's purchase for the new Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow, (One Man's Folly, March 28), we may be thankful that it is not in the thrall of the avant-gardist orthodoxy currently gripping the bastions of power within most of the rest of the British art establishment, and even



N Adrian Searle's review of the Avis Newman exhibition at Camden Arts Centre (The kiss of the spider woman, March 26) a passage from my catalogue essay was misquoted. I did not write: "If the corpse of painting does not cast a shadow .." but

more thankful that it was not rather "If the corpse in this Adrian Searle curating. rather "If the corpse in this painting...", and I am not referring to any work by Avis Newman, but rather to Edouard Manet's The Dead Michael Newman. Head, Theoretical Studies

and Art History, Slade School of Fine Art, University College London London WC1E 6BT,

We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

Beef as barometer of the national psyche

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

NTIL last week I did not believe in histor ic turning points the moment when the phorically, to spin in a new direction. But when I heard that the Egyptians had pro-hibited the importation of British beef, holding that it was unfit for human con-sumption, I began to hope that it marked the end of an era of self-delusion. When we were a genuine imperial power, able to determine the value as well as the design of our currency, an insult of that order would have justi-fied the despatch of a gun boat — especially if the of-fending nation had been

Egypt. Beef has always been a symbol of Britain's national superiority. Like many of our chauvinistic myths it was en couraged by William Shake-speare. He made the Consta-ble of France explain that

time. Whilst we were bom-barding Alexandria and anni-

barding Alexandria and anni-hilating Aribi Pasha's army at Tel-el-Kebir, music half au-diences were joining in the chorus of The Roast Beef of Old England Made Us What We Are Today. The idea was not original. It was an echo of the patriotic sentiment which Henry Field-ing had expressed more than ing had expressed more than 100 years before. At about the same time, Samuel Johnson was propounding a view of morality which Nathaniel Hawthorn said was "as English an article as beef-steak". I doubt if many people now regard either rump or fillet as the paradigm of England. For we are no longer sure that it is "the stuff for your Derby-kell which makes you fat and keeps you well". Chesterton may have attributed all our national virtues to hest and her Rut tirtues to best and her Rut tirtues.

to beef and beer. But there is

though we had it again cold on Mondays and minced on Tuesdays. I never imagined that lesser breeds without the law ate it on any day of the week Italians lived on spa-ghetti. Frenchmen enjoyed frogs and snalls. Germans grew fat on huge white sau-sages which they half buried in sour cabbage. Beef was ex-clusively ours. Charles ff. clusively ours. Charles if knighted it. Yeomen warders in the Tower of London ate so much that it was incorporated into their nickname.

Forty years ago, when Brit-ish troops landed at Port Said as part of the doomed attempt to retain European control of the Suez Canal, I was working in the Sheffield steel industry. In the staff canteen, the retired army officers who ran the company disliked both the Israelis and the Egyptians — but neither of them half as much as they disliked the Americans who stopped us

dogs fought like the devil when they are beef and iron. The Duke of Orleans believed that King Henry's beef stocks had run low and, being wrong, was on the losing side at Agincourt. The idea survived for 300 years, though its expression was debased with time. Whilst we were bomnot good enough for Cairo res-taurants, they would have choked on their chips. I take no pleasure in the catastrophe that faces British

farmers, though I find it hard to feel similar sympathy for the slaughtermen in the nation's abattoirs. Nor do I share a belief in a theory

It has always been a symbol of our superiority

which I was offered in Parliament Square last week by a lady who assured me that the collapse of the market was divine retribution — God's way of ensuring that we export no more live calves. But I do hope that it helped us to adjust to our essentially vulnerable place in the world. We are part of Europe and we need the help of our partners.

when times are hard. Helping Labour government which us out of the mess is part of their responsibility as members of a Common Agricul-draconian regulations about tural Policy. But there is a

has separated the patriots from the traitors. It has long been the Tory habit to equate the national interest with the fortunes of their party and to denounce their opponents as denounce their opponents as enemies of the state. Fortunately, Labour has suddenly radiscovered its ideological self-confidence and rightly reminded the country that Conservative obsession with deregulation is at the heart deregulation is at the meant (the liver, brains and offal) of the BSE flasco. Nobody really believes that Britain's inter-national standing would be much improved by the official opposition pretending that there was nothing to worry about. The Egyptians would

simply laugh at us.
In any case, can you imagine what would have happened if the situation had been reversed? Consider a

common fisheries' policy as well. The beef crists is a good time to remember that you carnot dine in Brussels a la seltine would have put national presige ahead of party advantage? He would have dismissed the suggestion as a denial of democracy, characteristic of a country which was too unsure of itself

to face the truth. But we are entitled to hope that the bad old days of national uncertainty are now behind us. If, as I suggest, the Egyptian decision to ban our beef was the nadir of Britain's international prestige we bave nowhere to go except up. One of the advantages of hitting the bottom is the likelihood that you will bounce.

And, if you are sensible, you turn that brief elevation into the first stage of a slow, painful but continued. ful but continual ascent. A medium-sized Euoropean power - with all the joys available to us if we accept that destiny

The sacrifice of all those ows may not have been in

Bujumbura Diary

Chris McGreal

Sing a love song in Burundi and it is as likely to be about a cow as about a woman. Pick a song of hate and violence, and it will more probably tell of beating a wayward wife to a pulp than the long history of ethnic bloodletting which has once again sunk the tiny African nation into such

misery. Take the lyrics of Let Me Linger. They wander from the travails of cattle theft to an attempt to seduce a fat girl called Maria. Then it gets to the heart of the matter. A woman's role is to cultivate. The problem wife is the one who cultivates other men instead of crops.

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"I came home and asked her where she had culti-vated," the lyrics go. "Her response was a smile/ I jumped and kicked her in the teeth/ I pulled her teeth out/

I pulled them with the roots.'
In Burundi, songs of betrayal, poems glorifying rape and folklore passed word of mouth through generations, all contribute to the vilification of women. When Burundi's army chiefs wanted a metaphor for their warring nation at a parade last week, they chose the wife who div-

It might be thought that Burundian men have good reason to be nicer to women. who typically work 16 bours a day, doing the backbreaking work in the fields and car-ing for children. Men labour less than five hours, often dedicated to the less strenn-ous task of looking after cattle -- and still they take all

the money. But Burundian women have been blamed for their society's ills since the earliest tales of a mythological prince, Kiranga — or rather, his wife. She was a nubile teenager whose name translates as Bright Eyes. The prince agreed to her every whim. Capricious to the last,

A fortune teller warned Kiranga that if he killed a black buffalo it would be the death of him. Bright Eyes got to hear of this and wanted black buffalo for dinner. Kir anga dies, crushed under the buffalo he kills for his demanding wife. She drowns

berself and their child. Marie Louise Sibaruzi, a Burundian playwright documenting mythological tales, says the tale of Kiranga set the tone carried through ongs, poetry and theatre to

the present day.
"Traditional mythology is the worst. It's mortifying because it's always so negative toward women. One hundred per cent it blames women. It portrays them as capricious, scheming, lezy. I sometimes don't even want to put it down on paper because it's so bad. But then people accuse me of interfering with his-

tory," she said. Whatever their subject matter, Burundi's traditional songs are often not happy af-fairs, unless they are about cows, which even have special names reserved for them. Maribori and Birezi are the Kirundi equivalents

of Daisy. Otherwise, Burundians are singing the lyrics to songs called People Like To Turn Friends Against One Another, A Stingy Person and Those Who Receive No Gifts Are Miserable. Inevitably,

the missing gift is a cow. But for meanness, it is the likes of Let Me Linger and When A Man Has Problems which set the pace: "When a man has problems, he lies in bed and does not fall asleep/ When a woman has problems, she starts to complain, talking nonsense."

ND then there are the A epic poems usually built around the story of a man who kills his enemy and rapes his slain foe's wife so he can impregnate her.
"It's part of the traditional

acceptance of violence against women," Ms Sibar-uzi said, "When a woman complains about being beaten by her husband other women scorn her saying they have to put up with it too. If a son beats up his sister she will be blamed for defending herself because the family will say that when she gets married she will resist her husband, and that would be totally unacceptable."

Ms Sibaruzi has battled hard to change the portrayal of women in culture. She has been most effective in the newest but exceptionally popular area of culture oadcast theatre, for which

she writes plays. "If you go to a house on a hillside when Popular Theatre is on and the house has no radio, there won't be anybody there. They will be at their neighbour's. It is one of the few occasions when men are prepared to leave their homes with their wives," Ms Sibaruzi said. "In Popular Theatre it used to be that every single woman was portrayed as a witch, a poisoner, a thicf or someone who cooks but eats all the food before anyone arrives. I try to keep a balance. If I choose to depict a woman negatively. I have other women who are positive. But I never idealise. That's helped men accept my work because they see that it is not some wild feminist fan-

Overtures for a soap-box opera

Commentary

Mark Lawson

VEN as they pledge to consider the question of violence on television, British broadcasters seem to have won their campaign to screen more political fisticuffs. Conservative Central Office has conceded that it may, during the next election, agree for the first time to an American-style televised debate between leaders. What might this leaders. What might this mean for them and for us?

Just as the Labour Party in 1887 lost an election with a television campaign generally regarded as brilliant, so it is confissingly the case that the mean for them and for us? television campaign generally regarded as brilliant, so it is confusingly the case that the single most memorable mo-ment in the history of Ameri-can televised debates featured a candidate rejected by

electors. In 1988, Republican vicepresidential candidate Senator Dan Quayle unwisely countered a question about his youth and inexperience by mentioning that John F Kennedy had been an even younger senator at the time of his higher elevation. The Democrat nominee for VP, the venerable Lloyd Bentsen, swivelled at his lectern, narrowed his eyes and delivered it made Kennedy look slick a riposte of epiphanic brilland energetic, but he was

liance: "I knew Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. And, Senator. you're no Jack Kennedy." these things. In no important respect did the camera lie. And, while it is perfectly true that Nixon's subsequent victoria. you're no Jack Kennedy." That line has become a sacred text in the new religion of media skills, and yet no Vice President Bentsen is to be found in the scrolls. Defenders of the impor-tance of the televised debate

point to other emblematic mo-ments. Ageing Republicans still famously insist that Rich-ard Nixon was hobbled in the 1960 race by the superior telegenic qualities of Lloyd Bent-sen's friend, Jack Kennedy, in what was the first ever of these broadcast forums. A combination of Nixon's pre-ternaturally heavy beard (a even after application of the razor) and the inadequacy of is always said that polls of those who heard only the radio feed of the encounter gave Nixon the bout, while television viewers placed Kennedy well ahead. This story is always used — is being raised you may be being raised, you may be sure, by voices in Conserva-tive Central Office now — as a

warning against such Even so, the admonitory anecdote can be taken in two ways. The complaint is that television made Nixon look like a shifty criminal, but Nixon was a shifty criminal.

tories in 1968 and 1972 were achieved in campaigns which deliberately boycotted televised debates, he was running on both occasions against balding left-wingers, a type which has never prospered politically in modern times either in Britain or America. Even in the medium he so feared, Nixon would almost cartainly have come off better against Humphrey McGov-ern. He had, after all once performed well enough on television to save his vice-

presidency with the Checkers speech in 1952. The 1980 race is also central to the mythology of the form. It was in the bouts of that year that Republican challenger Ronald Reagan spoke the second most famous details one liner after Ronacches. bate one-liner after Bentsen's Kennedy crack. "There you go again," the former Governor of California said, when President Carter suggested that Reagan had once opposed Medicare benefits for Social Security recipients. This be-came a refrain, intended to imply that Carter, who had won the presidency on a promise of honesty, was systematically misrepresenting the Reagan record. The same debate also produced a soundbite regarded by Reaganites

as vital to his election vic-tory: "Ask yourself. Are you better off now than you were

the incident evinced by those seeking to explain why Bent-sen's knockout blow in the vice-presidential debate of that year proved useless. For the presidential peak-time play-off of that race included the nightmare moment which cians suspicious of television what the Nixon beard and-sweat tale is to right-wing ones. Dukakis was asked, by CNN's Bernard Shaw, in connection with his objection to capital punishment, "What would you do if Kitty Dukakis

[his wife] was raped and mur-dered?" His hesitation in the face of this morbid scenario is thought to have sealed his reputation as a wimpish

Yet this was a confirmatory rather than revelatory moment and, in general, the importance of televised debates to either the body politic or the fate of individual candi-dates has been vastly exagger-ated. The most significant

The complaint is that TV made Nixon look like a shifty criminal, but Nixon was a shifty criminal

one-liner of modern Ameri can politics — George Bush's
"Read My Lips", which made
him in one election and then
undid him in another — was spoken not in a debate but in his convention acceptance speech. Revealingly, the cath-ode-ray altercations in the 1992 campaign were essentially a bore draw between Clinton and Bush, even despite the comic relief of Ross Perot

Formats were negotiated no secondaries, no interruptions - and candidates prepared and schooled to remove The 1988 encounters be as far as possible the risk of himself is no Des Lynam will tween President Bush and spontaneity or error. By now not be crucial to the outcome Michael Dukakis produced the progress of the debate it of the election.

teams of spin doctors could persuade journalists had been

The real media political business on television was happening elsewhere, principally in phone-in forums such as CNN's Larry King Live, to which America has largely finally catches up with televi-sion debates.

Accordingly, the advent of the televised debate in Brit-ain will surround our leaders with an even greater crowd of spin doctors, gag-writers, tie advisors, dermatologists and trichologists. many of them answering to the name of Mandelson Indeed, it might be observed of the MP for Hartlepool, as was said of Churchill in a different context, that all his life so far was but a preparation for this

What effect might such an

encounter have in the context of a British election? Blair is far more naturally telegenic than Major, who has an al-most Nixonian beard, particularly on his upper lip, but Major is taller, and more statuesque candidates have tradi-tionally triumphed in TV debates. (Ross Perot and Michael Dukakis had to stand on boxes.) For the contestants themselves, the American experience suggests that practice is vital, ideally formal rehearsals with a well-briefed colleague playing the oppo-nent. It is worth remembering that Lloyd Bentsen's 1988 stonker was not wholly spontaneous. In rehearsal, the Democrat campaign aide playing Quayle used the Ken-nedy defence against a trial question on experience, and Bentsen improvised the answer that later became

Maybe John Major should start practising now: "I knew John Smith. John Smith was a friend of mine. And, Mr Blair, you're no John Smith." However, history suggests that the fact that John Major himself is no Des Lynam will

Bereavement of a local as CNN's Larry King Live, to which America has largely switched just as Britain paradise lost



England is anything to go by a staggering amount of coun-tryside has been permanently destroyed. Most of this de-struction was permitted because projects were assessed in term of economic costs and benefits which invariably having contributed struction of a whole ment. The Environment Lyminge is a case Agency, launched today, makes this cost-benefit analysis even more central to environmental decisions.

The Kent of The Darling Form near Canterbur

paradise" for Londoners. Now, with massive road and rail development and half its the Southern trunk rost traditional, wildlife-rich or chards and hop-fields gone. Kent is barely recognisable. When it is revived no Kent is barely recognisable. This year's advert from the French Tourist Board cruelly informs us that "your local paradise" is Northern France, inviting us to drive there through Kent's glorious motorway system. Sinca 1960 there's been a

119 per cent increase in the rea under roads. Urbanisation has swallowed 10,000 pectares of land. A Thanet sized forest has been lost and several SSSI's pared down. The Channel Tunnel project has claimed 40 hectares of ancient woodland. Current road proposals threaten another 31 kilometres of countryside including the atmospheric and important Swale marshes. The East Thames Gateway plans to merge existing urbanisations along the Thames estuary. Commenta-tors dismiss this area as the "the flat shoreland of the Thames estuary". They don't recognise mudflats and empty spaces as countryside, how-

which Rank is developing as a leisure complex. This could be built on arable land planting new trees. But Rank's preferred image is of families biking through mature woodlands. So 450 acres of old forest have been sacrificed, home to rare nightjars, fire-

ROS COWARD

HE first cuckoo of spring has sounded: Paul Johnson's annual Mail article celebrating the eternal beauty of the English countryside. But how eternal is it? If Kent the Garden of England is anything to go by a staggering amount of country in the more apparent than real. We Channel Tunnel was me at to boost local employment, but it also boosted themployment. Many labour is drawn to the project settle in Kent and are now without or Rank's leisure park lil probably recruit short erm, casual workers from ewhere.

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three miles away is I Marsh, under threat fo ning authority will exa the various bits in the co of the other local project assess whether their int tion destroys the dist spirit of the area. Even if t did, how would they price Would they ask local n dents how much extra ti were prepared to pay on the council tax and compare th

ET these are precisely the kind of daft questions the new Environment Agency may ask. Its principal function is pollutionarial. tion control, but when it tells a company to clean up, it will have to provide a reason based on economic cost-benefit analysis. In turn companies will be able to dispute this through the courts. The Lamberhurst Farm infill will probably attract the Agency's attention. But it's unlikely that the scheme's opponents will be able to price the lovely ever vital to wildlife.

Kent also has a potential ing to the depressing logic of the cost-benefit analysis. It is an area of ancient woodland even more unlikely that the agency will consider how this project might be just one thing too many for Kent to bear.

People can love places deeply. Isn't it grief we feel when, looking down from ravaged Folkestone cliffs at the Channel Tunnel terminal and crests and several species of the thundering traffic of the snakes. Two years ago, locals in this "area of natural beauty" had planning applications for sheds refused. companies had to include the Now, after privatisation, permission has been granted be destruction counsellors for cause of "economic need".

Certainly East Kent has high unemployment. But the mental decisions.



Trouble with elections

Martin Walker argues that having 'won' the cold war for democracy, the US now has to pay heed to the whims of voters in trouble-spots worldwide

has Boris Yeltsin replaced by the head of the slightly-reformed Communist

party, Gennady Zyuganov.
The world would be convulsed by the prospect. The Red flag fluttering once more world. over the Kremlin, the lids coming ominously off the missile silos, the Akula-class submarines diving sleekly once more into the Barents Sea. Just when you thought the stake had been driven into their red hearts, here come those Commies again. In Washington, Senator Dole's Republicans are drafting the TV ads already. The shot opens with the bear prowling through the woods as the voice-over says: "Ronald Reagan and George Bush, two Republican presidents, ended the cold war and tamed the Communist menace. With Republicans in the White House, free elections came to Russia and brought democracy to the Kremlin. With Bill

Clinton in the White House the Communists are back. Elect Bob Dole — because we can't afford any more Naturally, President Clinton is not at all keen on this.
Nor is Yelisin.
"The Communists would mistakes."

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June 17, and the world stares aghast at a Russian election result that Sheikh summit. We know he said this, because of the notes taken of the

meeting by deputy secretary of state Strobe Talbott, and forwarded to the US Ambas-sador in Moscow, Tom Pickering. Leaked to the conservative Washington Times, the veracity of the remarks has been confirmed by a furious
White House, which has now
asked the FBI to investigate.
"A leader of international
stature such as President Clinton should support Rus-

sia and that meant supporting Yeltsin. Thought should be given to how to do that wisely," Yeltsin concluded. Clinton replied that he wanted to make sure that everything the US did would have a positive impact, and nothing should have a negative impact. The main thing was that the two sides did not do anything that would harm

the other.

Democracy can be trouble-some, and if elections are to mean anything, they have to be unpredictable. President Clinton's foreign policy advisers all understand that. But it doesn't stop them grinding their teeth when they look at what this year's flood of democracy is doing to their re-"The Communists would cord. Wherever they look, they see elections. And where ever they see elections, they see trouble for the re-election of President Clinton. duction, confiscate land and homes. They would even execute people. This is in their

amid the most serious military tensions in the Pacific achievements since the end of the cold war. That took the deployment of two US naval task forces, complete with two aircraft carriers and over 200 warplanes, before Beijing got the masses.

message.
The crists with China was provoked by Taiwan's first democratic election. It was not only the campaign of the now democratically-legiti-mised President Lee Teng-Hui for greater international rec-ognition that infuriated the Betjing regime. It was also the example of a Chinese democracy in action, resonating among a Chinese public that still remembers the bloody repression of Tiananmen Square. Next comes the election in

Israel, on May 29, with the opinion polls suggesting a very tight race between the current governing coalition led by Labour's Shimon Peres, and the Likud opposition led by Benjamin Netanyahu. A lot of President Clinton's hopes of a Middle East peace settlement are riding on this election, which explains why Clinton put so much effort into the antiterrorism summit at Sharm el-Sheikh.

HEN come the very strange elections in Northern Ireland. A complex voting procedure is meant to guarantee some seats on the 90-person body for each of the political parties. And from them will able. In those days, the US be chosen the negotiators for and its Nato allies were the all-party talks on the constitutional future of the province, which may or may not restore the cease-fire.

The Irish Republican

Army, which sees elections as

wan, has just taken place, cious. One of President Clin-amid the most serious mili-ton's main diplomatic about democracy and free tary tensions in the Pacific achievements — and the societies had all been trium-Irish-American vote — bangs Another election is sched-uled in September in Bosnia, The questions nowa

which is supposed to stamp democratic legitimacy on the cynical Balkan carve-up which was achieved at the Dayton peace talks. The old dream of a multi-ethnic Bosnian state evokes only nonow laughter these days. But Clinton needs that Bosnian vote to justify the return ceremonies for the US troops that will IMF director Michel Camdessus made it clear that has lean was contingent on

But first comes the big one, the Russian election. For Clinton's foreign-policy team, the fall of Yeltsin would also mean the unravelling of much of US diplomacy around the globe, if Russia changes its current policy of discreet cooperation with the US.

The Americans trust that Boris Yeltsin will urge caution over Taiwan when he visits Beijing later this month. Clinton is counting on Russian support to secure a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty later this year. The Pentagon and the entire ad-ministration want to keep Russian support for its peace

programme in Bosnia. Nobody is yet openly nos-talgic for the old days, when there were no elections in the Soviet Union or in Taiwan or that most of their international partners were predictuniquely vulnerable to the gusts and caprices of domes-

appease.
In one sense, it is all a steal it for him."

A wonderf The first election, in Tai- tant majority, is deeply suspi- proof that the 50 years of the democracy.

phantly vindicated. In another way, it is all too uncom-

The questions nowadays are more complex; how do we stop the Russian electorate from voting in an unsuitable way? The Clinton administration and its partners in the G7 have already pulled the best lever at hand, persuading the International Monetary Fund

the economic reform pro-gramme and (most unuval) would be disbursed in monthly payments. If the Communists won the elec-tion, "then the situation would be much more serious - what is important is that the process is not interrupted and that there is no backward movement".

As the IMF was preparing to vote last week, the Russia experts of the Clinton administration convened. There was no mood of suspense there was never the slightest prospect that Yeltsin would not get his loan. Instead, the theme was the way Yeltsin had allowed the governors of the various Russian regions to enjoy real autonomy.

Those governors would not want their powers reversed among the Palestinians, and by another Communist in the when US policy-makers knew Kremlin, threatening a return to central planning. This would be Yeltsin's secret weapon. Or as one of those American policy-makers put it to your correspondent over a drink last week: "If Yeltsin tic politics. Not any more. gets anywhere near losing, Everybody now has voters to appease. gets anywhere near losing, the provincial ballot boxes get stuffed and the governors

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Ryoei Saito

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PYOEI Saito, a controversial businessman and collector of Western art, has died at the age of

ern art, has died at the age of 79, some weeks after having suffered a stroke. He achieved fame in the west for his 1990 purchases of Vincent van Gogh's Portrait of Dr. Gochet and Pierre Auguste Renoir's Au Aloulin de la Gatter and Pierre Service and Pierre Auguste Renoir's Au Aloulin de la Gatter and Pierre Auguste Renoir's Au Aloulin de la Gatter and Pierre Auguste Renoir's Auguste and Pierre Auguste Renoir's Auguste Pierre Auguste Renoir's Auguste Pierre Auguste Renoir's Auguste Pierre Pierre Renoir's Auguste Pierre Pi

lette, for \$82.5 million and \$78.1 million, record prices

for single paintings.

He then won notoriety when he said that he wanted the two paintings put into his

coffin to be cremated with him - to save his heirs hav-

ing to pay inheritance tax on the works of art. There was

an outery in Japan, and he later changed his mind. Friends said that his paint-

ngs would be donated to art

But Saito also attracted

controversy as a business-man. He took over as presi-

dent of Daishowa Paper Man-ufacturing in 1961 on the death of his father, Chiichiro, who had founded the

He was always known for his aggression, and he built up Daishowa to become Ja-pan's second biggest paper

got into trouble and faced

questions in parliament over

accusations that Daishowa

had caused pollution. The oil price rises of the 1970s and

recession hurt Daishowa and

forced Saito to relinquish

control to Sumitomo Bank.

But he was back four years later, angered that the bank

had sold some cherished

paintings as part of the reconstruction.

The "bubble economy years of the late 1980s brought Saito his fame. His purchases of works of art also included 1.5 billion yen

(now worth £9.4 million) for a

version of Rodin's The Think-

cr. which he gave to a mu-seum in his native Shizuoka.

He sold stock in the company and land in Tokyo to buy paintings and shot to the top

of the list of Japanese taxpay-

Way out of the ordinary

INCE he was so clearly a born writer, it surprised in any people that it was in his 40th rear that Tom Wakefield, who has died aged 61, published he first book—his non-fiction it's Much Betof it published by first book—his non-fiction #e's Much Better. He Om Sale (1974), reissued three ears later as Special School But if he was a born writer he was also a born teache: at once infinitely patient, sympathetic and underlanding when dealing with disabled children in his care, first at the Franklin elano Roosevelt School in wiss Cottage and then at Donsview School in Hackney pwns.

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When Fgave up this vocation (it is always a vacation, not job to him) for his writing was typical of him.

writing tenacious and loyal always tenacious and loyal riendships, that he should ontinue to see so f his former coleven though their league re totally remote from the larry world which he had sentered.

Crusly, he might well havollowed a third vocation at Rugeley Grammar Schl. Staffordshire, this boy, whose father was a and whose mother supplented the meagre family irme by going out to char. ambitions to be an actor. his headmaster, the forable Colonel Hutchinson. ded at the idea and told a that he should opt for



born nate in his later life, surprisirprised special education diploma at the Trent Park teacher training college in North London.
However, his skills as an book a actor were not wasted. Frequently he would say that a puick to recognize gnothess.

Like many other novelists

— Beryl Bainbridge and
Angus Wilson come to mind

— Wakefield's hugely enter-— Wakeneld's hugely enter-taining repertoire of anec-dotes often gave the impres-sion that he was already processing the raw material of experience for subsequent use in his novels. Many of these anecdotes concerned his miner father, about whom he wrote with so much love, understanding and gratitude, both in his autobiography of his early years Porties Child (1980) and in his novel Mate (1983). (The latter about the (1983). (The latter, about the 25-year relationship between two homosexual workingclass men, terminated only by death, is surely a minor

My favourite of these stories was of how Wakefield once brought a lover back to his father's house. For lack of a proper bed, the two youths were obliged to share a folding one. So energetic was their love-making that the bed suddenly folded in on itself and the two were trapped. Their shouts for help eventually aroused Wakefield pere who, in no way fazed, prised the bed apart and then, still half-asleep, staggered back to his bedroom to lapse once more into unconsciouso shows that his supreme talent, all too rare among modern novelists, is for describing goodness. Often this goodness is found in charac-

good man nimsen, and ne was quick to recognise goodness in others, even when it was not immediately apparent to someone less trustful of humanity, like myself.
Wakefield was able to com-

bine the two vocations of teacher and writer during the particularly happy years, 1980-82, which, as recipient of a North West Arts Literary a North West Arts Interacy Fellowship, he spent as Writer in Residence at Lan-caster University. Immedi-ately after that, he received an Oppenheim Award for Lit-erature (1983). He was a writer who often suffered discouragement from what he tion of his work, so to receive these awards in quick succession was important to him, as audiences who attended the readings he gave with so much pleasure and brio.

Reviewing his fine novel The Discus Thrower, 1 remarked on his ability to

find the extraordinary in the

ordinary. The people he de-scribed were by worldly stan-dards, usually nonentities. But Wakefield would find in them something unique.
As a writer he, himself, was also unique. The novelists he admired were, above all others. Jane Austen, then George Eliot, Mrs Gaskell and Ivy Compton-Burnett: but there is little trace of any of them in his work. The tone, at once rueful and celebratory, comic and sad, tender and sharp, is wholly his own. There are louder roars in the contemporary jungle of fic-tion; but I am sure that his will continue to reverberate long after many of those others have faded into

Thomas Wakefleld, writer, born



The disaster investigator Vic Marshall . . . asked questions which might not have occurred to others

The risk factor

aged 74, that the Transport and General Workers Union and the scientific union, ASTMS, came for technical advice. The result was compelling evidence to the subse-quent inquiry from Marshall, a world pioneer on chemical

Later, Marshall was called as an expert witness on the Piper Alpha disaster. In 1979, he assisted the Irish inquiry into the Whiddy Island refinery explosion. And it was his calculations which helped explain Spain's worst tourist tragedy, when 215 campers perished after a 1978 chemical tanker explosion. Born in Sunderland, Mar-

shall worked in the chemical industry from 1940-59 while devoting many hours to the subject studying for corporate membership of the Institute of of 1995, having maintained a

N 1974 the Nypro plant at Flixborough exploded, killing several workers. It was to Vic Marshall, who has died Chemical Engineers. Without a first degree, his research work enabled him to earn a masters' degree and then, in 1985, a PhD from Bradford University as an honorary visiting fellow at Bradford, first in industrial technology and later in chemical University where he then lec-tured. His 1975-83 service on As a disaster investigator the Health and Safety Comhe was recognised for his

capacity to ask questions which might not have oc-curred to others. His sense of mission's hazards committee was followed by a string of other advisory posts. He had become the leading British mission meant that no scrap authority on process safety and in his 1985 doctoral thesis — completed after what he called his "first retirement" from Bradford of evidence was unexamined, no element of mystery left yond identifying the immedi-ate causes to encompass to the field as being centred on "the critique of the concontrol centres, offices and residential buildings. In 1979, his *Disaster at Plix-borough* was published and the university textbook, *Fun*cept of acceptable risk" Safety thresholds, he insisted, were a public concern.

damentals of Process Safety, written in collaboration with his colleague, close friend and comrade Stephen Ruhetoo important to be left for private industry's unilateral decisions. In 1987, the thesis became *Major Chemical Haz*ards, the standard work on the subject. mann, was nearing comple tion at the time of his death.

close association with the formed his rigorously ratio-University as an honorary nal approach. He and his wife visiting fellow at Bradford. Joan were dedicated memacross five decades, and the Soviet Union's collapse was an occasion of personal grief. He was also a studious browser of theological literature and more than once, amused his companions by pausing in a cathedral to ar-

gue an obscure point with the Dean. He shared with Joan a dedication to amateur theatre and was also keenly inter ested in railways and trams He often spoke of his fond-ness for Ireland, where he was held in high regard following his work for the Whiddy tribunal. He is survived by Joan, and by two sons and a daughter.

An interest in progressive

education brought Ursula and

her four children to England.

initially to visit AS Neill's

Summerhill, but then to Dart-

ington where she finally

settled. From 1970 to 1983 she

Foxhole the senior school of

Dartington Hall. In her retire-

teer at the Womens' Refuee in Torbay. An avid letter writer

and poetry lover, she corre-sponded with the American

poet May Sarton until the lat-

ter's death last year. She is survived by her four children

and nine grandchildren.

ers in 1991. But the bubble years also ed him into trouble. He

joined people venturing fool-ishly into property and con-struction. He also used his family's political conections. His brother was Shizuoka governor and a son is a mem-

ber of parliament.

Last year Saito was found guilty in the Tokyo district



Ryoei Salto . . . who wanted

preferential treatment in

golf course development in which Daishowa was in-Saito was ensnared

Ryoei Saito, businessman, born

Christopher Headington

A friend of Aldeburgh

HE composer, planist writer. Christopher Headington, has died in a skiing acci-

Born in London, he was educated at Taunton School and the Royal Academy of Music, where in 1948 he won the Leon Borthwick Prize for best instrumentalist Among his tutors, there, was the composer Lennox Berkeley, who described Headington as "my first pupil". Their friendship lasted until Berkeley's death in 1989. Headington was proud that in 1988 he recorded a CD of several of Berkeley's piano works.

including the sonata. Berkeley introduced the 18year-old Headington to Benjamin Britten, who encouraged the shy, private young man. Headington received one of the first of the English Opera Group's commissions, a con cert work. *Qui Habitat:* and. in 1948, Britten put him forward for a commission from the Revd Walter Hussey, the enlightened incumbent of St Matthew's, Northampton, whose patronage had already engendered Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb, Henry Moore's Madonna and Child, and Gra-

ington taught music, plano and a little French (he was an accomplished linguist, and fluent in German), and organised and performed in cha ber recitals. Among his pupils were the conductors Steuart Bedford and Nicholas Kraemer. In 1964, he moved to the BBC's music presentation department and, a year later, to Oxford University's extramural delegacy where he developed his writing and criti-cism. After his History of Western Music (1974) he went on to write a distinguished small-scale biography of Britten (1981) which was - probably because of its uncontro-versial nature — admired by Peter Pears whose "official" biography Headington pro-duced in 1992.

This, his most ambitious literary project, he embraced with enthusiasm. Yet the end result, while the product of thorough research, draws a curiously incomplete portrait of the great tenor. Like his far less ambitious Britten biography, soon to reappear in a revised edition, the Pears life treads too respectfully at times, and seems reluctant to discuss some aspects of the

tenor's complex personality.
Composing and performing cord his orchestral songwere Headington's first loves cycle. The Heating Fountain,



and greatest strengths, I in memoriam to Britten though he produced fluent critical writings and was a Gramophone magazine for many years. His earliest works show the influence of Berkeley and Britten when he favoured genres of a classical leaning — sonatas, quartets and song-cycles — but he later moved away from his mentors' shadows. He was delighted when his violin con-certo was recorded by Xui-Wei in 1991, and only last year, in the course of our final conversation, Christopher told me, with mounting almost adolescent excitement

Christoper loved conversation, especially about music and musicians and preferably over a protracted meal. He relished, with boyish enthusiasm, a number of what more timid individuals might consider risky hobbies: fast cars; aviation (he was a qualified pilot, and once offered to take me on a Sunday morning jaunt along the Suffolk coast): and — ironically — skiing, of which he had been a proficient exponent for many Philip Reed

ington, musician, born April 28.

Seeker after peace RSULA Heathcote Nicholls, who has died aged 75, was one of that letermined band of women RSULA Heathcote NiHolloway prison. Born in Mysore state in southern India where her the secretive range.

mining engineer father Fran-

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who made Greenham Common the focal point of the 1980s anti-nuclear movement A veteran of the Aldermaseration, she swapped the comforts of Devon for weekends spent with the opponents of cruise missiles camped at the gates of the Berkshire air-base, accepting imprisonment

for her beliefs. On New Year's Day 1983, in the company of women barely half her age, she scaled the base's barbed-wire fence and hands with fellow protestors to dance symbolically on top of the missile silos. Sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment at Newbury magis-

Anna Coote, deputy director, Institute of Public Policy

Research, 49; Cynog Dafis, Plaid Cymru MP, 58; Prof

Kay Davies, geneticist, 45;

David Gower, cricketer, 39; Sir Nicholas Renderson,

diplomat, former British am-bassador to Washington, 77;

Gaie Johnson Houghton, jockey, 55; Anthony Lake,

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anti-nuclear campaigner learned, on one return to Intrates court, for refusing to be bound over to keep the peace,

Ursula Heathcote Nicholls

dia in the 1980s, that the mineshaft designed by her engineer father was projected to become a spent nuclear waste she had to go through the

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versity, 70; Ali MacGraw, actress, 58; William Man-chester, US historian, 74; Madeleine May, lawyer, for mer director, International Bar Association, 58; John Murdoch, director, Court-auld Institute Galleries, 51: Prof Sir Dimitri Obolensky. Russian and Balkan histo-

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Race, broadcaster, 75; Debbie Reynolds, actress. 64; Bryan Robertson, former director. Whitechapel Gallery, 71; Rosemary Spencer, diplo-mat, 55; Kathy Stobart, saxophonist, 71; Leonard van Geest, chairman, Littlewoods, 45; Sheila Whitaker, director, London Film Festi val, 60; Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP, 52; J J Williams,

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brought down because of his political ties. The case came to light as part of the 1993 raids on the homes and offices of former political god-father Shin Kanemaru (Obituary. March 29). who died

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Keynes still has the answers





IFTY years ago this month, a 53-year-old economist published what remains the century's economic masterwork. John Maynard Keynes's General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money may not be quite the holy grail of economics, but it is the nearest anybody has

It has that status not because it is the last word on how to understand the modern market economy — it still carries some free-market baggage and times have moved on. But. whatever its short-comings, it is still the most successful attempt yet to invent a new language and new categories in which to think about the dynamics of contemporary capitalism, without collapsing into either the

test their loyalty to Keynes and Keynesianism. The old Keynesian confidence in both Britain and America that successful application of the tools of macroeconomic policy — the manipulation of government spending, taxation, borrowing and interest rates can lift economic growth and move towards full employ-ment has disappeared across the political spectrum.

Any such initiative is ve-toed by the global capital mar-

kets, it is said, along with the belief that "artificial" at-tempts to boost demand and investment must end in a selfdefeating increase in infla-tion. The best that can be done is some tinkering at the macroeconomic margin, while concentrating on the socalled supply side — targeting public initiatives at lifting skills, research and development or the physical infra-

Yet, as JK Galbraith argues in a passionate essay in the current edition of the quar-terly journal American Prospect, while investment in skills and the infrastructure is palpably a "good thing", to

tainties of laissez-faire or the wishful abstractions of social-high ground in conservative hands. It fatally undermines the social democratic and lib-to social eral case.
For what underpin the sus-

tivism are the great conserva-tive ideological constructs. Markets are infallible. Free markets will work perfectly. As a result, the job of macroeconomic policy is to do as little as possible because, by definition, it will have little impact except, perhaps, in the

Not to challenge these ideas is to accept the conservative government intervention is foolhardy and social weifare, indeed social justice, is some how a realm apart from the hard world of the economy which obeys these conserva-

OU may be able partially to equip the unskilled with skills education if you are prepared to tax to pay for them. But you cannot chal-lenge the iron laws of eco-nomics. This surrenders too much

ground. Sadly, as Galbraith acknowledges, the evidence is

inadequate. To make technology, however useful, the centreplece of a progressive agenda while giving up an ac-tivist macroeconomic policy

And be caraful, he warns, about arguing for infrastruc-ture spending because it boosts the productivity of the private sector; the evidence is not sufficiently robust. The better argument is that it lifts overall levels of demand and employment. It should be made in those terms.

For it is not good enough to

protest at the unfairness and inefficiency of the organisa-tion of economy and society, you must have an explanation of why they operate in the way they do — and a remedy. Herein lies the importance of Keynes, Even in a free mar-ket, he shows, prices cannot successfully co-ordinate the varying intentions of varying economic actors with varying come is always the best.

That is why markets produce monopoly, instability, underemployment, underinvestment and inequality—

and why it is imperative that the state acts to lean against those trends using the full complacent Panglossian cer- argue in these terms alone that training alone cannot do panoply of macroeconomic

orthodoxy — that stimulating the economy risks inflation if unemployment falls below some natural rate ("Nairu" the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment) — is proving an inoperable con-

For example, the US Cantral Bank, the Federal Reserve, raised interest rates in February 1994 because it thought unemployment was broaching its estimate that the Nairu was 6 per cent, and so inflation would rise; but it lowered rates 18 months later although unemployment was still below 6 per cent. Wage inflation never emerged. In-deed, real wages carried on

The Fed's economists now privately acknowledge that they have no secure idea of where the Nairu lies, if it exists at all. Rather, it seems to follow the actual rate of unemployment up and down, so that lower unemployment will produce a lower Nairu. Hence the case for lower in-terest rates and, if necessary, a budgetary boost.

full-time work, US unemploy- the public sector — from the

ment stands at 14 per cent, even in a much-vaunted de-Estimates of the British Nairu vary as wildly as those in America, following the di-rection of unemployment rather than leading it, and making it just as useless as a

guide to policy.

Certainly it should not stand in the way of economic stimulation. Even in a me dium-sized open economy like Britain's, to abjure any expansion does seem to be taking self-denial too far.

lodged with British financial institu-tions growing at 10 per cent annually, which will ultimately presage a growth in credit of 10 per cent, lowering interest rates further is not the best option. It risks stimulating furthe money and credit growth which, if industrial capacity later reignite inflation. The best course is to lift demand by raising investment di-

After all, if you include the economically inactive and surd terms of the Private Finance Initiative and allowing

Post Office to local authorities — to borrow directly in the capital markets for invest ment purposes. But little progress will be made in the pri-vate sector until the for new investment - still on average around 20 per cent and short pay-back periods of some two to three years can

be eased in tandem.

The conservative story is that these returns are entirely explicable in terms of business fears about volatile inflation; and clearly the past experience of British infla-tion is salutary. But, as stressed repeatedly in this column over the years, infla-tion is not the whole story. The same market instabilities that generate uncertainty at the macro level work also at

the micro level. British companies are owned by a unique range of holders with short-term time horizons who have the luxury of being able to sell their shares in a highly liquid stock market and whose proclivities are enhanced by an antique system of corporate governance. Herein lie the roots of the fear and myopia that create those high financial rates of return.

is thus the micro counter of Keynesian macroecor so that lifting demand by can then best be exploited individual firms.

enter a virtuous circle of in creasing investment generaling demand, which then valid dates more investment, so lifting the economy towards full employment, with all that means for striking at the balkanisation and polarisation that so afflicts our society.
This is the essence of the

Keynesian case as I under-stand it — and it is fitting that I should be making it in my Guardian, just as I did in my first six years ago. This week I become editor of the Observer. But I do not intend to give up writing conscience and inclination won't allow it. So we can meet

again next week — in the pages of the Observer.
All that remains is to say goodbye and, for your six years of support that has made this job so rewarding, a heartfelt, and truly meant, The case for establishing thank you.

How rising prices could save the Tories Why Labour should stake

Briefing

Larry Elliott

NE of the great myths about Mrs Thatcher is that she loathed vested interests. True, she distrusted the civil service, flogged off the nationalised industries and simply loathed the National Union of Mineworkers, but there were two groups for whom nothing was too much trouble.

These, of course, were homeowners and small businessmen. Any attempt to withdraw their protected status was resisted fiercely by Mrs Thatcher, who saw bricks and mortar and budding entrepreneurship as the philosophy.
(If this were a documen-

tary, sepia pictures of Grantham in the 1930s would appear at this point and a voice-over would construct a sentence including the words "corner shop" and "Alderman Roberts".)

John Major, by contrast, has shown no such favours to these key Conservative constituencies. Indeed, the Gov"our people" is one reason for the whispering campaign against him by those dedicated to keeping the sacred flame of Thatcherism blazing

Mr Major's hereay is seen as three-fold. First, he has reduced the value of mortgage interest relief. Second, he con-nived in the destruction of fledgling companies through his stubborn defence of ster-ling when Britain was in the Exchange Rate Mechanism. Finally, he has resisted the temptation to boost his popularity by rekindling house-price inflation — the one form of inflation of which Mrs Thatcher approved.

Whether the Government

will continue to show selfrestraint as the election approaches remains to be seen particularly as there is evi-dence that by allowing house prices to rise the Conserva-tives could be killing two birds with one stone.

A recent study by Alex Gar-rard, economist at UBS, has shown a strong relationship — indeed, almost a perfect correlation — between the level of real house prices and business starts. Real house prices have been measured by the Halifax house price index, while net VAT registrations

Knock-on effect Riging house prices mean more new firms. Real house

the growth in the number of business.

The findings are quite star- wisdom — that the creation of tling. It is well known that real house prices have a direct impact on consumer behaviour, as anybody who witnessed the orgy of equity withdrawal to fund the pur-chase of cars, holidays and dishwashers in the late 1980s doubtless recalls.

stituencies, indeed, the cov- while the value of value as a proxy for vestment, may be of similar rise in the net real value of ter this century—ordered.

* Habitax house price index defiated by consumers' expenditure defiator. Source: UBS

small firms and rising house prices are symptomatic of a more roubst economy — is wrong Actually, it is the in-crease in house prices that triggers the growth in entrepreneurship. One prime reason for this is that, in Britain's property-ob-

But, drawing on a paper by Jane Black, David de Meza and David Jeffreys in the Jan sessed culture, the only collat-eral & businessman can put down for a loan is his home. If he needs capital, his property nary 1996 Economic Journal has to be worth something.
The conclusion of the research is that a 10 per cent Mr Garrard argues that the role of housing in new busi-ness formation, and hence in-

is correct, it becomes easier to see why investment has remained so sluggish during the recovery. Real house prices have been negative for the past five years and only now are threatening to turn positive again.

The recent attempts by the Government to talk up the housing market suggest that the penny may have started to drop. Tony Blair's talk of a nation gripped by insecurity and his call for legislation to clamp down on late payment is an indication that Labour helleves the small busines

vote is back in play. The economists at UBS worry that rising house prices may lead to a surge in private sector demand. UBS is forecasting only a modest increase in house prices this year, but most of the risk is

on the upside. Economically, that could be a problem for the Chancellor. Politically, however, rising house prices, rising invest-ment and rising consumption would be just what the doctor — or, in this case, Britain's longest serving prime minis

unreleased housing equity may have the effect of increasing the number of new business starts by between 6 and 6 per cent. If this theory is correct, it becomes seeien

Debate

Andrew Pendleton

ABOUR'S City spokesman, Alistair Darling, has outlined proposals to develop employee share schemes as part of "stake-holder capitalism". For advocates of the stake-

holder economy, these schemes offer several potential benefits. As well as rewarding employees for con-tributing to company prosperity, they might enable staff to influence company strategy. Voting rights attached to shares could give them a voice in the boardroom they never enjoyed as workers.
Although some argue that
most employees lack the com-

petence to make informed business decisions, employee shareholders might take a longer-term perspective than other owners. Concern to maintain long-term employ-ment should mean that they will resist the temptation, common in British industry, to maximise short-term rewards at the expense of long-term prosperity. Employee share ownership

schemes therefore embody the twin tenets of stakeholder capitalism as outlined by Labour leader Tony Blair — they give employee stakeholders rights and responsibilities. Unfortunately, most employee share ownership

means so advanced. Most are aimed at senior executives and hence are inimical to the philosophy of stakeholder capitalism. But even those schemes open to all employees some 2,000 — appear limited in potential. The proportion of employee ownership in most schemes is tiny - typically under 5 per cent — and provides little basis for employees to acquire a genuine say in key business decisions or in challenging the power of institutional shareholders.

As a result, the finding of most studies of share ownership, that there is little difference in the attitudes of employee shareholders and nonshare-owning workers, is hardly surprising. While providing a fringe benefit, these schemes appear unlikely to bring about the transformation in corporate governance envisaged in the stakeholder

schemes have such limited po- tions of equity to employees tential. The Employee Stock and certainly do not provide Ownership Plan (Esop), developed initially in the US as an instrument of popular capitalism, offers much more to the supporters of stakeholder cap-italism than "conventional" share schemes. As yet they are small in number in the UK

(fewer than 100). The significance of the Esop structure is that it facilitates not just a larger worker stake than conventional employee share schemes but also provides structures for employee involvement in key decisions. Most Esops in the UK have a complex structure for passing shares to the workforce. An employee benefits trust acquires shares on employees' behalf, typically using a loan from a bank or the company. Over time these shares are purchased by a profit share

Innovations seen in corporate governance include employee directors and 'shadow boards'

trust which then passes them on to the workforce, using conventional share scheme mechanisms. The employee benefits trust uses the receipts from the profit share trust to repay the original loan. Employees therefore acquire shares at little risk or cost.

The employee share of 100 per cent. Esops are found in a range of activities including motorway services, papermaking and stevedoring. They have been most common, how ever, in bus companies. Here they have been a popular means of preserving employment levels, preventing asset stripping and maintaining existing services at privatisation. In this example stakeholder model of corpo-

rate goals and organisation.
The critical issue is whether Esops really give workers a gemuine stake in their firms. The findings from an Economic and Social Research Council study at Bradford University paint a mixed picture. Some Esops have been established as a mechanica to apitalism model. support existing share Management Centre, Universi-Yet not all employee share schemes, pass small propor-

influence company policy. Others have been set up by philanthropic owners to give employees a large share in the ownership and profits of the firm but not in corporate deci-

sion-making. In the most advanced form of Esop, the employee share of the equity is substantial and there are innovations in cor-porate governance. These include employee directors, em ployee representation on the trust structures, "shadow boards" where the directors meet trade union and other employee representatives, and "employee-friendly" general meetings. It is this form of Esop that is most in tune with stakeholder capitalism.

But even these innovations do not guarantee genuine industrial democracy. A num-ber of other conditions also have to be met. Genuine com-mitment of managers to employee involvement in decision-making is crucial. If that commitment is absent, employee representatives in the boardroom will have little influence on top decisions and the initial enthusiasm of employees for the Esop will soon turn to cynicism. Equally, employees and

their representatives need to change traditional attitudes and ways of working, otherwise managers tend to lose interest in employee ownership and involvement. In short, there must be a shared belief in the merits of partnership. Unfortunately, all too often Esops are created without the full involvement or commitowhership can range from 1 to | ment of all "stakeholders", and as a result they never achieve their potential as an instrument of industrial de-

mocracy. In these circumstances it is not surprising that employees in many Esops have leapt at the opportunity to sell their shares when predators have offered large financial inducements.

The corollary of all this is that governmental encourage-Esops seem to exemplify the ment of Esops needs to go beyond the limited range of tax incentives offered so far. An active programme of publicity, training and education, to show how the full benefits of Esops can be realised, will be necessary. This will be yet an-other challenge for a Blair government committed to stakeholder capitalism. Andrew Pendleton is at the

Trebles all round on the telecoms Titanic

Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

N THE argot of the trades, a refuse collector is "on the dust" and a milkman "on the milk". Lavatory cleaners are, presumably, on the toilet, and City professionals (brokers. merchant bankers, etc) are on to a good thing.
The latest manifestation

of the good thing in question is the possible/probable BT-Cable merger, where eventual fees for corporate advice are estimated to be not so much sky-high ns drifting gently through the Van Allen Radiation Belt. Without being too beastly to the two compa-nies in question (they per-form useful services, which is more than can be said for some), it may be worth a guess at what has been bought with this money. The merger will be hailed

nancial press will carry slavering headlines such as "A Truly Global Player" and Britain in the Big will award itself a colossal

pay rise.
Two months will go by during which BT (the dominant partner) will discover that Cable's foreign branches and overseas stations are run by ex-pats in safari suits who spend half their time reading battered copies of Seven Pillars of Wisdom and the offs in Virginia Water) other balf swapping gossip

Indicators

UK: MO figures (prov. Mar).

on jobs. US: NAPM Index (Mar).

TODAY - EU: EMI Annual

FR: Purchasing Mngs survey (Mar). FR: G7 Finance Ministers meeting

TOMORROW - UK; Halifax house

on all sides as a magnifi-cent achievement. The fi-nancial press will carry sla-will hail this as a "long-will crash, and shareholdoverdue step-change in cor-porate culture" that will and "Britain in the Big make the company "fit for League". The merged board the global marketplace". The board will then

award itself another colossal pay rise. Eerie calm will then descend on BT-Cable for the period until the publication of the first merged results. At publication, the horrible truth will become clear: the safari-suits (now enjoying their "early release" pay-

US: Leading Indicators (Feb).

US: Non-Farm payrolls (Mar).

US: Unemployment rate (Mar).

sury monetary meeting.

US: Factory orders (Feb).

WEDNESDAY - UK: BOE Trea-

ers will be furious. The board will require a colossal pay rise.

By now the financial

press will be full of "deal too far" headlines, but help will be at hand. The corporate advisers will offer to "de-merge" BT-Cable into a domestic arm (BT) and an overseas arm (Cable) in return for "appropriate" (that is, astronomical) fees. Commentators will hail an "imaginative solution". The board will award itwere the only people who self...that's right.

The fun will only just have started. Two weeks after demerger, AT&T (or someone) will slug it out with France Telecom (or someone else) for the domestic arm, while a vast but anonymous Japanese concern will scrap with a huge German outfit you've never heard of for the over-

seas bit. It would be easier to let the foreigners buy both companies now, but that would mean almost no fees. This way gives the professionals a chance to earn a living. As the man said, it's kinder, innit?

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DRAMATIC GRAND NATIONAL CLAIMS ONE HORSE BUT DELIGHTS AN ARMY OF PUNTERS

Cynthia Bateman on how the best 12 minutes of one Irish jockey's life were followed by his most frightening moments — and vice versa

Blood, sweat and cheers

T FIRST, all you could see above the massed ranks was one pricked ear. But it was now a very famous ear as Rough Quest. first past the post, took his place in the Aintree witners enclosure with the skeins of vein marbling his sweat-dark neck, the great nostrils on the chiselled head still breathing smoke fier a magnificently jumped and tactically perfect 4% mile. 8ut shile the steam rose off

the first favourite to greet the judge duce Grittar in 1982. It was she bookies and the horse connections who were left reating on a stewards ing y. An estimated 450 million viewers worldwide lookd on as thousands stood arond on the course, quiet annuehensive on the are an apprehensive on the last and terraces, and waited full 10 minutes for the anouncement that con-ened Rough Quest as the 6 Grand National winner odds of 7-1. "I don't think I've ever been

frightened in my life." said he winning jockey Mick Fitz-grald. Not of Aintree's fear-some fences — having taken 30 of them at 30 mph — but of the stewards' taking his greatest moment from him.

'It's one thing to win a race of this calibre. But it's another to be waiting for some body to tell you it's not just a dream and they are not going to take it from you and you did actually win it."

The wait deflated the early celebrating but once his vic-tory was confirmed the 25-year-old Irishman said: "I've not enjoyed 12 minutes as much in a long time. I think sex is an anticlimax after

Rough Quest's Irish trainer Terry Casey and his owner Andrew Wates, the director of the family construction com-pany Wates Ltd. had been un-sure whether to run their 10year-old again so soon after Fitzgerald rode him into second place in the Cheltenham Gold Cup only 16 days earlier. The horse suffers from a muscle enzyme prob-lem which causes stiffness



Trotting home . . . Rough Quest is led back noto Bear Greene Stables, Dorking by his lad Geoff Cook with a hand from owner Andrew Wates GEORGE SELWYN

men rode him out in training to confirm their view that he was in perfect shape.

"Terry cured the muscle en-zyme trouble and Mick sorted out the other problem," said Wates, referring to their fear of Rough Quest's leading too soon. Fitzgerald explained: "Once he's passed the last horse and gets in front he thinks he's done the job."

As it was, little was seen or heard of him until the 18th, the second fence of the second circuit. By then five of the 27 horses — the National's smallest field in 36 years — had gone. Among them was the mount of Jason Titley.

and soreness. But all three | last year's winning rider suffered broken ribs after being unseated as Bayard Dieu suffered the shock of "going over the cliff" at the first, where the take-off gives no clue to the stomach-churning drop on the far side of the

> Party Politics, the winner in 1992, went at the third, a fence prefaced by the first of the big ditches. Becher's Brook this time gave no ammunition to the animal rights activists, whose peaceful demonstration at the gates was unfortunately lent justification when Rust Never Sieeps was pulled up at the 13th, lame with a broken shoulder, and destroyed.

great tidal wave of sound and colour, turf scattering like seaspray, and Son of War, another well-backed prospect and the only grey in the race, seemed to be challenging for ireland until the Canal Turn, the 24th fence. There he nego-tiated the sharp left-hander splendidly while his jockey continued spectacularly in full flight in a straight line.

Thus down to 18, the horses flew along the path to glory. Deep Bramble was pulled up before the second-last and suddenly Rough Quest, with more than his share of the 250 million punted riding on him, was there in the space behind

The field stayed bunched, a | a neck-and-neck front three of | slightly but not to anatch, and Sir Peter Lely, Young Hustier in any case Rough Quest had and Encore Un Peu. in any case Rough Quest had him beaten. It was a storning

Encore Un Peu took the last at least three lengths in front but Rough Quest jumped it better — a flying leap that car-ried him within closing distance. And as they swerved right-handed through the National course's famous Elbow on to the finishing straight, Fitzgerald at last could let him rip. The horse crossed in front

on to the rail, his tail swishing Encore Un Peu's nose as they got into the straight, the incident that was to cause the mondent that was to cause the inquiry. Encore Un Peu appeared to pull back his head won the National."

finish, a full 1%-length victory, and you felt that Rough Quest could have run on to

days. Encore Un Peu's jockey David Bridgwater said: "I'm happy to be second. Winning the National is all about jumping the last, hitting the Elbow, passing the winning post first and punching the air. If I'd got the race in the standard of the last of the standard of the last of the

jump the stone wall, the

ploughed field and the two hurdles they had in the old

Casey's luck turns to good from Rough

Chris Hawkins on the guiet man who

had the final word

justice but for once Sat-urday's Martell Grand National result was totally just and a fitting reward for one of the most genuine and deserving men in racing—
Terry Casey.
Not opinionated, not a blusterer, not a braggart, he does

not stand out in a crowd and it is only the trainer's badge on his lapel which indicates his professional involvement. Casey, a small, dapper 50-year-old, has had some shattering reversals in life yet has bravely and quietly put them behind him to emerge

Typically half an hour after the greatest moment of his life he was talking in calm, measured tones; a hint of moisture around his eyes be traying his emotion and, amid all the euphoria, you suspected he had spatched a few private moments to commune with his late wife

Elizabeth. It was 21 years ago when Casey was head lad to Frank Gilman, who sent out Grittar to win the 1982 Grand National, that fate struck him an awfui blow. Casey had been married

only six months when his wife choked and died at the dinner table,
"Elizabeth was at universi-

ty, studying to become a teacher, and we were eating Sunday lunch," he explained. "I finished my meal first and popped out for ten minutes and when I got back she was

"You read about these freak accidents and never dream it could happen to you. It took me a very long time to get

over it."
This was not Casey talking on Saturday — it would hardly have been appropriate — and neither did he touch on for four years in Lambourn which, through no fault of his

own, cost him plenty of money. After that he thought about getting out of racing but answered an advert in the Sporting Life for someone to train for Jockey Club member Andrew Wates near Dorking.

in Surrey.
That was at the beginning of last season and one of the horses he took over was Rough Quest, a talented but enigmatic performer prone to throw away races he should have won. We saw on Saturday that this tempermental quirk is still with him—when he hits the front he nearly always drifts left or simply downs tools.

"You find a lot of good horses have kinks—it's part

horses have kinks - it's part of their character which makes them a bit special," said Casey, who used to ride out Dawn Run when head lad to Paddy Mullins after a brief career as a jockey in Ireland. Casey has always had faith in Rough Quest and while some wondered whether the horse would be fresh enough after his second in the Gold Cup, which gave him an obvi-

ous chance on the book, the trainer had no doubts. "He was a bit flat before the Gold Cup because of the cold spring, but as the weather began to warm up he im-proved tremendously and was jumping out of his skin," ex-

plained Casey.
"Even so, although I knew he was much better than he had been before Cheltenham, we were still worried about going for the National be-cause we think so much of

"At one time we had de-cided not to go for it but Ian Balding phoned to say we would never have as good a chance again. That made us think again and the clincher was when he ran away with Mr Wates in what was sup-

posed to be just a center.
"I was pretty confident but
I still never had a bet on him
— I haven't bad a bet on a horse in all the 35 years I've

been in racing." Hard to believe isn't it? Not

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Russell looks

back in anger

Golf

Hill all the way to the flag

AMON HILL pro-duced a flawless drive in his Wil-Liams-Renault in precarious and unpredictable weather conditions to extend his world championship lead with a

brilliant victory in the Brazilian Grand Prix yesterday.
It was his 15th career win, beating his father Graham's

14. He leads the title chase with 20 points, 14 ahead of lean Alesi where Paratter Jean Alesi, whose Benetton finished second, 20.6sec behind the Briton. Jacques Villeneuve is also on six points; the Canadian new boy. Hill's team-mate, ended his second grand prix by spin-ning into a gravel trap while battling with Alesi for second

Having qualified on pole po-sition almost a second faster than Rubens Barrichello's Jordan-Peugeot, Hill found all his pre-race calculations thrown into disarray when a downpour doused the circuit 40 minutes before the start. Yet he led all the way and never put a wheel out of line. Michael Schumacher's Fer-

Michael Schumacher's Fer-rari came home an easy third after a strong challenge from Barrichello also ended in the gravel trap when the Brazil-ian spun off on lap 61. Hill had been on the point of lap-ning the warring due but held ping the warring duo but held back until Barrichello pirouetted out of the contest; then he piled on the pressure to lap

Mika Hakkinen drove well-judged race to finish fourth and score the first points of the season for MP4/11, but his team-mate David Coulthard rounded off a dismal weekend by spinning off eight laps after changing to slick tyres on lap 22.

At the start, Hill moved across neatly to protect his advantage from Barrichello, allowing Villeneuve to steep the other Williams FW18 round the outside in an effort to nose ahead in the scrum for the first corner. The team-mates were wheel-to-wheel as they braked for the first righthander, but Hill was able to assert his advantage on the inside as they streamed down Ethe straight, and by the end of Alesi had got the upper hand



Start as you mean to go on . . . a rain-socked Hill leads Villeneuve (left) and the rest of the field into the first turn

the second lap he was six seconds ahead. From then on it was a question of who would finish second.

But as Villeneuve settled down behind Hill a terrific battle developed for third between Alesi, Barrichello. Schumacher and Heinz-Harald Frentzen's Sauber-Ford.

by lap 20 and fixed Villeneuve in his sights, coming through right on the tail of the Canadian as they completed lap 26. Exiting the chicane beyond the pits they came up to lap Luca Badoer's Forti, forcing Villeneuve to lift off slightly and allowing the Benetton to take a run at him on the

of the Williams as they braked for the next fast lefthander. Rather than concede the corner. Villeneuve at-tempted to stay level with the Benetton on the outside line but spun gently off into the

America holds

first March air

LISTORY was made yes-terday as the Seattle Mariners and the Chicago

White Sox opened the base

ball season in March for the first time. Since 1876

the first Tuesday in April has traditionally been the opening day, but last sea-

son television's demands and an extra round of play-

offs advanced the start to

the preceding Sunday, which this year falls in

Fortunately Seattle's

Kingdome is immune to the vagaries of weather in the

Pacific north-west, but the attendance will be seen as a

bellwether for the success

its breath as

Baseball

Mike Carlson

March.

13.1sec two laps later. Then the Frenchman made a slight mistake and dropped back be-hind Barrichello, being promoted again to second when the Brazilian came in for his

Tyre strategy looked set to off the previous fastest race play a crucial part in the outlap on his return to the

to stay out until the end of lar the opportunity to switch to dry-weather slicks at his only stop. With the track still treacherously slippery in places, that appeared to be a gamble, but Hill vindicated the decision by knocking 7sec

"Despite exhaustive efforts over the last few months,"

Coverdale said yesterday, "it

has remained apparent that Allan could not meet the

requirements of the TCCB's

regulations regarding public statements and at the same

time fulfil his obligations in a

publishing contract he signed

Brian Lara won the third

one-day international against

New Zealand yesterday with a

dazzling century at his home ground in Port-of-Spain. He struck an undefeated 146 from 131 balls to take West Indies

to victory with seven wickets

and 4.2 overs to spare. They lead the five-match series 2-1.

Adam Gilchrist scored an

unbeaten 189 out of Western

clared in the Sheffield Shield final in Adelaide. South Aus-

tralia were 100 for two at the close on the second day.

Karnataka won the Ranji Trophy, India's senior first-

several years ago."

know whether to laugh or cry in a far-Des Smyth of Ir tears after sufferi

of the Canary Islan

their second shots on to the wickedly sloping green then walked off with a double-bogey six, and Patrik Sjoland five-putted when a birdie would have earned him a play-off with the eventual winner, his fellow Swede Jarmo Sandelin. Sandelin had a closing 69 for a nine-under-par total of 279. The runner-up was Paul Affleck, whose three putts at the last were the only blemish in a splendid 66. The 349-yard 18th hole at Santo da Serra involves a climb up a one-in-10 fairway to an elevated two-tier green. The bottom of the

cical finale to the

Madeira Island Open yester-day. But they were united in their anger at the PGA Euro-pean Tour official responsible for placing the pin at the 18th.

The Derby professional David J Russell took the un-

precedented step of calling for the official's immediate sack-

ing after taking four putts and losing the chance of victory.

Russell was one of three po-tential champions who hit

pin is always invisible for the short-iron approach shot. Yesterday the hole was cut on the edge of the lightning-fast upper slope, rendering any putt from above the hole a frightening prospect. Rusand took an iron from the tee to leave himself a full six-iron

shot in the hope of landing his ball softly on the green.

But he was a fraction too strong and fund the back fringe, from where he left his first tentative sutt eight feet short of the cupalle barely set his ball moving with his next attempt, then wiched aghast as it sped down, the steep slope to finish on the front of the green 45 feet a ray.

said Russell, a memi rectors and Tour mountain course is even more tricky." The tournament dire

responsibility. "It is a difficult green but whet the last-day pin was unfai a subjective opinion." he sa "There are a number changes we would like make to this course and 18th green is a top priority. Russell and Smyth finishe joint third with Peter Mitch ell and Daniel Chopra, th

No more course for complaint

David Davies in Ponte Vedra

■HEN the Tournament Players Club course opened in 1982 the tournament players of the United States took one look and began weeping and wail-ing and generally gnashing their teeth. It was, they said, so hard as to be unfair and there was much talk about the greens having been built on elephant burial grounds,

made firm by the winds that blow in this part of the world at this time of the year the course — near Jacksonville, bled a pinball machine and Jack Nicklaus remarked that

he had "never been much good at stopping the ball on the hood of a Volkswagen". The scores in those early years tended to support the players argument and the course was softened, the waste bunkers which originally had been left untended were now groomed and the greens were re-modelled,

all of them becoming easier.
The cut, once plus six, is now one under, but the easing of the TPC is clearly shown by the fact that the threeround leader, the unknown would almost certainly have Tommy Tolles, who has yet to been challenging for the lead.

win a tournament, is 14 under. He is two ahead of David Duval and three ahead of Michael Bradley, two more players who have not yet recorded a victory. Furthermore there are 32

players within five shots of Tolles, including the Euro-pean Tour members Colin Montgomerie, Ernie Els and Vijay Singh, all on 206. It is not outside the bounds of possibility for any of those 32 to win, given that Raymond Floyd once won this event

The weather is partially responsible for this week's good scoring. There have been three rain delays which have softened the greens, making them receptive and enabling the players to do what they love most; fly the ball straight at the pin and see it stop dead. On Saturday that led to some exceptional putting rounds, including that of Phil Mickelson, who who had 24 and Colin Montgomerie who had 26, in rounds Montgomerie, a winner in Dubai, is enjoying his start to

the season. Some of his iron play in the first three rounds has been exceptional and had his normally excellent putwould almost certainly have

Kenny Pryde in Castres

AFTER going close in the Paris-Nice, Chris Board-man won the Criterium Inter-

hero Laurent Jalabert out honorary Frenchman for the

when they controlled the stage, even propelling him to the front to score time bonuses en route to the finish, won by Christophe Capelle in a bunch gallop. Sunday's trio of tough climbs did for Capelle while Boardman exerted himself to contain the stage winner and new race leader Mauro Gianetti, winner of two Classics last spring. After

He succeeded, though he French team-mate Didier Rous. "It sounds corny," he said, "but I was really happy Rous. "It sounds corny," he said, "but I was really happy for Didier. He worked hard inflicted another indignity on

Leicester. Britain's Jo for me this morning.

Thompson made a string of "How many marks out of 10

Basketball

Towers expect trophy delivery

Robert Pryce

THE London Towers will be at Wembley Court on Wednesday night and so will the Budweiser League trophy.

Soon they will be united. The Towers crushed the Chester Jets 126-71 last night to leave them one win away from their first league title and their third trophy of the season. It should come on Wednesday, when they play the Hemel Royals, who are ottom of the table.

Chester hardly extended the Towers, allowing Kevin Cadle to give his reserves a rare extended run-out. Rodney Alexander, who had pre-viously contributed just one field goal to the league campaign, finished with 18 points. The former England guard Mark Hubbard, who has suffered a miserable season, added 16.

The Sheffield Sharks extended the league race a few days by winning 84-71 at Derby on Saturday. Todd Cauthorn (29 points) came on strong at the start and the middle (a 15-2 burst spanning half-time) and end (nine of the last 11 points).

The last play-off place was settled last night, when the Newcastle Comets lost 109-79 the slumping Manchester

ice Hockey

British Championship finals

Cowley the man of steel Seattle takes in

Vic Batchelder

HE Nottingham Panthers just failed to over-come the odds stacked against them yesterday after recovering from 3-0 down in the British Championship

final at Wembley Arena.

The Sheffield Steelers retained their title by winning a penalty shoot-out 2-1, after 10 minutes of suddendeath overtime failed to decide a 3-3 draw. The Steelers' hero was their

Canadian goaltender Wayne Cowley, who broke two fingers on his right hand in the pre-game warm-up when stop-ping a shot from his team-mate Andre Malo. "He had a good game, though, got two goals, so I can't hold it against

Christopher Dodd at Henley

AMBRIDGE set up a

terday when their Blue Boat,

reserves and lightweights

The Cambridge Blue Boat was probably the biggest and

best to have come from the Cam in the 51 races between

the two universities. Sarah

Matthews at bow was the only

member under 11 stone;

Sarah Winckless at No. 7

weighed in at 12st 6lbs and

the stroke. Jo Dowman, at 12st 4lbs. They stretched a canvas lead after the first few

beat Oxford convincingly.

clean sweep in the women's boat races yes

"Wayne's had the hot hands," said the Steelers coach, "and in play-off bockey when

you've got two solid goalies
you go with the hot hand."
McKay, said the general
manager Alex Dampier, was
"not as mentally prepared as the starting goalie. And Wayne just kind of toughed through it and I give him a lot

The odds were stacked against Nottingham because of their tougher weekend programme. They played their Saturday semi-final five hours after Sheffield, lost an hour to the arrival of British Summer Time and faced off for the final 45 minutes ear-lier than in previous years to suit the needs of television. Soon they looked in danger

Medics inserted a needle into the fingers to draw off the blood gathering after the injury, giving new meaning to Clyde Tuyl's explanation of why Cowley was not replaced

finish of the 2,000m course.

It was enough to send Oxford's coach Pete Sumner

for a lie-down and a surrepti-

tious cigarette in his car. "All I can say." he said, "is Oxford

they led by 3½ lengths.

The lightweight crews clashed at the, end of the

Regatia Enclosure when Cam-

bridge led by half a length after both were warned. The

umpire John Friend raised

the red flag but rowing con-

tinued for 750 metres when down as well.

by the former British international wartin McKay. seconds into the second session to make it 3-0.

A melee after Paul Adey ap peared to trip Cowley upset the goalie's concentration. First A J Kelham netted after Randall Webber dispossessed Mike O'Comnor at 36.04, then half-stops by Cowley resulted in goals for Webber and Neil Morgan within the next 94

Cowley recovered for the shoot-out. Only the Panthers' player-coach Mike Blaisdell beat him. Malo scored with Rob Wilson with the fourth before Cowley saved the final shot from Darren Durdle. In the semi-finals the Pan-3-1 with two goals from Adey, after Sheffield defeated the Humberside Hawks 6-3 with two goals each from Ken

of the new season, after two years ruined by strikes. The players still have no basic agreement but, in common with the owners, they do not wish to test the validity strikes and you're out".

Cambridge pull their weight

Oxford led to Temple Island but Cambridge won by a The men's lightweight race went as quick as they could."

Blondie. Cambridge's reserves, beat Osiris by five lengths. They dealt the killer blow at the Barrier where they led by 211 lengths.

was a clash at Fawley and warnings to both coxes for steering offences until the crews were level after Barrier. Another warning went unheeded, the crews clashed and stopped rowing, and Cambridge were disqualified. Friend probably needed a lie-

Friend sent them back to the

start for a re-row. This time

politan pitching rotation. with last year's rookie sen-sation Hideo Nomo (Japan) (Dominican Republic). Is-mael Valdes (Mexico) and Chan Ho Park (Korea).

Cricket

Lamb's last word

LLAN LAMB will broker a compromise between Lamb and Lord's.

"Despite exhaustive efforts over the last few months," The 41-year-old former England batsman announced yesterday that he was choosing to retire rather than submit to censorship of his autobiog-raphy by the Test and County Cricket Board.

"If I continue to play cricket they will have the power to prevent me telling my story," Lamb claimed in the Sunday Express. "And I have no doubt that they would use that power."

Lamb accused the TCCB of forcing players "to sign contracts that turn them into

slaves". "This was to have been my last season, my testimonial year, and I was genuinely look-ing forward to playing and ending my career on a high note. But because the TCCB is so frightened by what I might say, it will not happen."

Northamptonshire admit-

ted defeat after spending 'hundreds.of hours''. according to their chief executive Steve Coverdale, trying to 'much the steve Coverdale, trying to 'much the steve condition's senior first-class competition, by enjoying the better of a drawn final with Tamil Nadu in Madras.

Seattle is a precarious franchise. They captured the nation's hearts last year with a play-off tri-umph over the Yankees. but two of their stars have since left to sign bigger con-tracts in New York. Al-though the Mariners re-signed the game's biggest young star, Ken Griffey, the loyalty of their fans may not overcome harsh economic realities. The defending American

League champions Cleveland, again the odds-on favourites, face no such hardships. A few years ago the Indians were such a joke that the film Major League used them as a sym bol of futility. Now they have become the first team in baseball history to sell out their entire season in advance: 82 games at 42,400-seat Jacobs Field. That \$3.5 million (£2.3 million) windfall allowed the Indians to spend big to get the iron-man pitcher Jack MacDowell from New York. The World Series champi-

ons Atlanta Braves are fancied in the National League but face a threat from the joined by Ramon Martinez

Hockey

Edwards and Takher goals help Cannock take title

Pat Rowley

CANNOCK did not falter at the last hurdle as they had a year ago. In their final game yesterday they beat Southgate 2-0 in front of a home crowd of about 2,000 spectators to take the English National League title north of London for the first time.

They could in fact have afforded to lose, because Reading, the only club who could have denied them, falled to win. The 0-0 draw at Havant left Cannock four points clear after a season in which they have scored 75 goals in their 17 league games.

Two Great Britain internationals. Paul Edwards and Kalbir Takher, scored their goals. Edwards converted a stroke, forced by the season's leading scorer Rob Crutchley in the 19th minute; Takhe nock's final corner.
The game never reached

any great heights, perhaps because Southgate did not play saves, including a penalty by well and certainly nothing like they did when they beat deny Hightown on Saturday.

Thompson made a string of "How many marks out of 10 Giants on Saturday, eighth would I give myself over the weekend? Ten out of 10. You've got to if you win."

Cannock 5-3 in the HA Cup in

January. well since their British inter-nationals, Soma Singh and John Shaw, returned to the side. Even their corner drills were ineffective; from eight of nock in real danger. Cannock played soundly,

with Edwards and Andy Humphrey commanding in defence, Takher dominating the midfield and Chris Mayer and Ben Sharpe dangerous

attackers.
Cannock: C Ashcrolt: P Edwards. J
Roberts, A Humphrey. J Chana, B Sharpe,
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Waugh, P Attala. P Rowan, D Woods. ● Like the men's National League, the women's will also the Swiss in four miles. go to the last series of matches, in a fortnight's time. was beaten by three seconds Hightown. despite playing for the stage win by his twice at home over the weekscored the second in the 59th minute, following up at Can-nock's final corner. end, picked up only one point. They were beaten 1-0 by Ips-wich and drew 1-1 with

Cycling

Boardman complete

national, the first stage-race victory of his career. The Criterium comprised a flat 119-mile sprint on Saturday and a hilly stage and short time-trial yesterday to make sure no one felt left out. With the world No. I and local

with a knee injury the pres-sure fell on the Briton, and since he rides for France's biggest team he became an weekend. On Saturday his GAN team made their intentions clear

the summit finish, Boardman had to make up 16 seconds on

Redgrave 10th counts for Leander

strokes to four lengths at the | there was another melee

EANDER, with Steve | don. with Tim Foster and

The University of Lon- don's lightweights.

Redgrave and Matthew Rupert Obholzer from Brit-Pinsent on board, won the ain's Olympic four at Dodgers. LA boast a cosmo-Pinsent on board, won the Bead of the River Race from Mortlake to Putney on Saturday in 17min 30.29sec, writes Christopher Dodd. It was Redgrave's 10th win in Searle, were third, less than a second ahead of the court of the co than a second ahead of Lon-

Red rivals serve up a final rich in promise

David Lacey on a Wembley reunion to savour

HIS sime Wembley ca enjor the prospect of an FA Cup final which would satisfy most tastes in nost sessons. French diaectic is about to be challenged by Fowler's modern English usage.

English usage.

It is surprising that Manchester United and Liverpool leve not met again in one feal or the other before sow. It is 19 years since a deflected shot from Jimsy Greenhoff won the FA tup for United against the odds after Jimmy Case had done as much as any on man could to take the triphy to Anfield.

So years later Liverpool gined vengeance of a sort

ined vengeance of a sort in the Milk Cup final, but FA Cup success against mited is long, long over-me. Between them the bs will now have been to 5 Cup finals and it is hard to believe that the 1996 en-counter will disappoint in he manner of its predeces-



Standing out in the crowd . . . Ian Taylor watches helplessly as Robbie Fowler cracks home his and Liverpool's s

eor. The 1977 confrontation was built up as the final to end all finals but turned out to be a rather ordinary affair in which United suctions. ceeded in hustling Liver-pool out of their stride. This time, indeed for the second time in three years, United may arrive at Wem-

tury, after Tottenham. Arsenal and Liverpool, to achieve the feat. Nobody has done so twice since Aston Villa in 1897. Yesterday Manchester

Roy Keane it was a close-run thing. He was involved in an incident with Chel-sea's Terry Phelan shortly before half-time, then ap-peared to push a palm into the face of Dennis Wise dur-

stamping on Gareth Southgate, then playing for Crystal Palace, in a semi-final replay, and only last Wednesday he had been shown a red card for foul-

United managed to win their semi-final without controversy, although with Roy Keane it was a close-sent off at Villa Park for Steve Lodge, the Barnsley referee, took no action after either incident yester day and Alex Ferguson said he had seen nothing. "Den-nis Wise could start an ar-

Just a couple of grouses The Villa Park tie was played on a pitch resem-bling The Wash at low tide,

said the United manager. ford was more than 10,000 "An FA Cup semi-final below capacity. without some confronts. Grass had better be ford was more than 10,000 around in the West Mid-lands for Euro '96, and a ticket-pricing policy which produces so many empty spaces for an FA Cup semi-final surely needs re-

Premiership: QPR 3, Southampton 0

QPR can still banish dull care

AY WILKINS, blessed with unflappable exte-rior and ready smile, is often asked whether he cares about QPR's plight. To which the manager replies: "I do care, and care immensely."

Rangers forcibly under-lined that sentiment with a committed performance that boasted rare defensive secu-rity and lifted them from the bottom rung. Ultimately this win was so comfortable as to mock predictions of a tight,

The managerial expressions afterwards told the story. Wilkins switched his smile on to full beam; Dave Merrington glowered with herrington glowered with herely concealed rage. "I was bitterly disappointed with our second half, and I've told them," said Southampton's manager. "They've had a pop at each other and I've let them get on with it." Wilkins, meanwhile, spoke

of a sense of unity within the entire Rangers family after this first Premiership home win for three months. He was not disturbed by reports claiming that his leading scorer Dichio would demand to leave if Rangers were relegated. "He played like a player who wants us staying in the Premiership and who wants to be with this club,"

Wilkins declared. Neither was Wilkins distressed by the daunting pros-pect of following this game with a visit to Newcastle next Saturday. "Everybody down there has got tough games in the run-in," he said. The Rangers manager has revised downwards his target for safety, even though he would not specify it. "For a long time I thought it would be 40 points, but now I think it's going to be much lower."

Off the pitch, according to Wilkins, the principal aim is to remove anxiety from his players' minds. "I relax them the best way I can. I try to mix up our work all the time." If Rangers escape, they may well thank the recently reintroduced aerobics workouts — "I get them dancing across the floor" — and ses-sions in the oxygen tank, which not only sooth aches and strains but also provide brief psychological uplift

Southampton's problems were not entirely in the mind, even if their curious lack of angered Merrington. Disjointed and lacking midfield craft, as well as the suspended Le Tissier and Watson, they also suffered from two rare lapses by Beasant, so impressive in goal in recent months. The first was ill luck.

as Southampton's goalkeeper half-saved Sinclair's shot and saw the ball squirt off a knee to Brevett, who delivered a tight-angle shot for the first goal of his 88-game Rangers career. The second was down to ill judgment as Beasant responding to McDonald's punt forward, advanced stopped at the edge of the area and then finally flung himself forward too late to stop Gal-len's header floating over

On his recent record - and because of two earlier magnifcent saves here, curiously followed by goalkicks - Bes sant deserved better. At least the goalkeeper could blame his defence for Rangers' second goal, calmly curled home by Dichio.

Bolton Wanderers 1, Manchester City 1

Impoverished scrap over the scraps

Paul Wilson LAN BALL was unusu-

Ally blunt in his assessment of Manches "absolutely crap" — but perfectly accurate. Bolton were as bad, though Colin Todd preferred to look at helpful results elsewhere and speculate about returning to winning ways next Saturday. The Trotters' task at

Goodison appears less daunting than the slight matter of the Manchester derby for which City have to pick themselves up, but the bottom club can forget points if they play like this. For all the interesting aspects to this desperation Lancashire derby — the meeting of Curcic and Kinkladze, the return of

lead at the first time of asking, with the debutant Boiton goalkeeper Ward hav-ing to fish Quinn's second-minute header from his net for his first touch of the ball, City should have been able to make the points safe. "We had the platform but we didn't build on it, Ball said. When do City ever?, you might ask.
The outcome, though, might have been different had the hapless Summerbee

structed a shooting opportu-nity, or had Clough's closebar instead of rebounding Matches, not to mention promotion and relegation issues, turn on such misses. and the latter let-off was the clarion call for Bolton Ball and Francis Lee to to regroup. In the space of a their roots, the sudden few minutes Curle cleared spurt of form by the home off the line from Coleman, side — it was unable to rise Curcic was twice brought Ball...blunt appraisal

ladze had patiently con-

above its main billing as a relegation scrap.

Having been handed the the equaliser after Summerbee had inadvertently helped on the Serb's cross. This was bad enough, but to make the final 15 min-utes really testing Summerbee got himself dismissed within seconds of Bolton's goal for a second bookable



There was nothing con-troversial about the dismissal except that Thomp-son was lucky to be on the field after scything down Kinkladze in the ninth minute. Two wrongs do not make a right, but Summerbee's fouls together did not add up to the seriousness of the Bolton player's. You can get away with almost anything these days so long as it is a first offence. In the end City had Im-mel's reactions to thank for serenting a draw, partien-

scraping a draw, particu-larly one save from Bergsson when a goal looked certain. Quinn said he was grateful for the point, Ball professed himself empty.

Botton: Ward; Bergsson, Fairclough (Pastelanen, 76), Stubbe, Coteman, Phillips, Curck, Sellars, McGintay, De Freitzs (Green, 85), Thompson (State, 81), Macchester City: Inniel; Summerbee, Brightwell, Symons, Curle, Hiley (Frontzeck, 90), Lomae, Brown, Clough, Kinkladze, Quinn.

Leeds United 0, Middlesbrough 1

COMPLEX by nature yet incisive when gifted a suitable platform upon which to unfurl his engaging homespun logic, Howard Wilkinson was back in the groove early on Saturday eveni The Leeds manager ended his week much as he had started it defeated, puzzled, and still talking a better game than his team are currently

capable of playing.
Yes, he had considered his future after the League Cup (cv), Gailen (77).

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sojourn in the sun would come self-healing and reconciliation with his countless

Yet those with short tempers and even shorter memories who spat out their venon as Wilkinson walked, head bowed, towards the Wembley dressing rooms should con-sider where Leeds might be today but for him: quite possi-bly dreaming of playing in in-consequential Premiership fixtures such as this one.
"If you come through tests

you should be better for it," he said. "It has been a diffimuch for him. Leeds's spluttering midfield debacle of the previous cult week. But the appeal of Sunday. Yes, he was tempted this job is being out there on the was tempted to wish away the rest of the season in the hope that with a fall off it but sometimes you. Still, that strategy held signif.

Spluttering Leeds start planning for the summer holidays see over that edge, and that's I icantly more promise than what makes it worthwhile." The afternoon held no luck for Leeds. It started badly and fell away quickly, once Radebe had conceded a third-

minute penalty which Kavan-

agh converted.
Radebe was to spend the second half in goal after Lukic had been carted off to hospital during the interval, concussed and with double vision. Presumably the prospect of seeing 40 incompetents kicking a ball around was too

trying to pick out Deane, who Even so, a point would have

been theirs had McAllister not lifted his penalty kick high over the bar after Cox had barged into Deane early in the second half. When a player of McAllister's poise and pedigree has surrendered his concentration, the summer simply cannot come

Looke United; Lukic (Blunt. h-6; Kelly, Wetherell, Pemberton (Wallece, 80). Redebe, Palmer, McAllister, Gray, Kewell (Jackson, 80), Desne, Speed. Middlesbrough: Walsh; Cox, Pearson Whyte, Whelen, Fleming, Pollock, Musice Kavanagh, Hendrie, Barrety.

Tottenham Hotspur 3, Coventry City 1

Big Ron foxed by Gray matter

ERE you watching, Andy Gray? Ron At-kinson would not be drawn on what the television pundit who savaged his team last Monday might have made of this latest debacle, but it is easy to guess: no bottle, threw it away, got what they Actually it was not quite

like that. Coventry played a full part in a pulsating match drive bobbed back off Borwhich exposed their lack of rows, then Fox bagged a brace concentration rather than as Coventry's defence disintehaps realising that survival done by a whirligig six minis now beyond them. half when Dublin missed two chances and Tottenham cored two goals.

That said, it is hard to feel tion run-in.

much sympathy for a manager who has spent nearly £1 million a month since taking charge at Highfield Road. And what has all that investment bought? A Premiership position even more perilous than last year. Coventry's fate no longer rests in their own hands and their next two opponents are Liverpool and Manchester United

The problem is that the side reflects only half of Atkin-son's personality: flashness minus the durability. It is easy to forget that for all his bangles and jangles Atkinson has managed five top-flight English clubs. He stands as one of the Premiership's great survivors and yet has been unable to fuse that spirit into

his Coventry team. On Satur day Ndlovu was maddeningly transient and Richardson, despite a superb pass to set up Dublin's crackerjack opener showed signs of campaign fa-tigue. Jess never got to grips with the pace of the game and it was left to Strachan, a second-half substitute, to in-

ject the necessary urgency.
They were undone by three high-class goals. First Sheringham headed in after Armstrong's fierce 51st-minute drive bobbed back off Borspeed of Tottenham's attacks. The departure of Burrows, who tweaked a hamstring, will provide them with fur ther problems in their relega-

The sight of Coventry's game plan disintegrating so abruptly rendered their bench speechless, a consider-able achievement. Atkinson's coterie had spent the first half in a state of perpetual motion, frantically pointing and shouting instructions to players who seemed unwilling or incapable of response. Unless the manager's message gets through soon, the only direction Coventry will be pointing is down.

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Scottish round-up

Cadete recruited too late as Rangers charge from rear

Patrick Glenn

ORGE CADETE may be Prequired tonight to bring succour to Celtic supporters whose spirits are sinking with every stride Rangers take towards the Premier Division championship. ision championship.
The Portuguese striker.

whose international clear-ance arrived only on Satur-day, will probably begin his Celtic career on the substi-tutes' bench for the match against Aberdeen at Park-bend Put gran a Besting head. But even a fleeting glimpse in the later stages could be enough to comfort fans who heard of Rangers' astonishing comeback against Raith Rovers on Saturday.

Cadate's presence — he has signed a three-year contract after freeing himself from Sporting Lisbon — will be rendered meaningless if Celtic fail to win Rangers now lead by eight points with only five games to play, after an outing at Stark's Park which seemed for a long time like providing the most star-Nobody could have pre-dicted that Raith would be within a furlong of Rangers with seven minutes remain-

half goal by Duffield and a penalty from Kirkwood, separated by McCoist's penalty for the champions.

Gascoigne had been sub-dued by Rougier, and Lau-drup was unable to make an impression. The result was a general dishevelment from which, it seemed Rangers could not recover. But Rougier was taken off 14 minutes from the end, Gascoigne looked as though he had had the leg irons removed and McCoist scored twice more from corners by the England midfielder. It was difficult to find a

Raith pulse by the time Durie made it 4-2 in the last minute, converting the penalty after be had been tripped by Krivo kapic. As slip-ups go, Raith bore a striking comparison to

Devon Loch. Celtic, who have completed the league series against their old rivals, are now powerless. old rivals, are now powerless.
Even if they win their last six
games — and complete the
season with only one defeat in
a 36-match programme —
they may finish as wellbeaten runners-up.
With worries over injuries
to McStay, Collins, McNamara and Donnelly, Tommy
Burns, the Parkhead manager, will not be anticipating

ing, far less 2-1 ahead. But ager, will not be anticipating they were, thanks to the first- a walkover against Aberdeen.

First Division: Derby County 3, Stoke City 1

Flu-brush fires Derby

Jeremy Alexander

WO points from four games called for desper-ate measures, more des-perate than "Pickering" about on the transfer market. Jim Smith took Derby to The bracing properties of the resort were duly en-

dorsed. Two players were sent home with flu; another. the Croatian sweeper Stimac. played with it and without his usual sorties, and was substitstal sorbes, and was stated tuted at half-time. His removal was inspired: Dean Sturridge came on to win the pocket battle of the brothers. At 26 Simon Sturridge is the big brother by four years. At 5ft 5in he is the little brother by three inches. Each is his club's leading scorer. In 90 minutes Simon laid on the precise cross by which Sheron gave Stoke a half-time lead: in 45 Dean scored twice

The substitution also per-suaded Smith to abandon 3-1-3 for 1-2-1. The new arrangement gave Darryl Powell room to avoid his own men in midfield. He is Carlton Palmer without the skill, a spiderman whose whole hear is greater than the sum of his gangling parts. His powerful header punished Sigardsson's poor one from defence for Derby's second goal. He epitomises the spirit by which they have got points from 13 games in which they had

fallen behind. He also epitomises the short comings of a team in danger of promotion. Stoke, in sixth place, look even less equipped. Early in the season their defence had the substance of a cream cracker, square, flat and brittle. Then Sigurdsson and Cranson found the consistency of a flapjack and they

and, by his poise in possession, took the frantic out of Derby's attack.

The substitution also perwent five away without scor-

ing one.
Sheron's eye for goal and
Gleghorn's for the penetrative pass will cut little ice in the Premiership. Thin resources forced Wallace into emergency action at full-back. Excepting perhaps Sunder land, who recently ended Derby's three-month reign at the top, promotion looks a sure ticket to tribulation. At least, though, by flu-brush rather than sweeper, March went out like a ram — a battering ram.

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74), Sheron, S Sturridge,
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Millwall 1, Crystal Palace 4

Millwall a comedy of errors

Robert Pryce

CUNSET in South Ber-Smondsey made a particularly vivid change, considering that an hour pre viously the air above the New Den had turned blue, Millwall fans react passionately to the game's every aspect and recently most aspects of their games have been vile.

They are unhappy with Mick McCarthy's legacy and grew unhappier as the game careered to its conclusion. Kasey Keller did them a favour in the final minutes when he conceded what would have been the softest goal of the season had Tim Flowers not already staked an unshakable claim with a similar effort. He turned a bitter defeat into a total absurdity. "That summed up our after-noon," said Jimmy Nicholl. "It was a comedy of server."

The game has a few cruel tricks to play, as it demonstrated to Keller, but on the whole it chooses the least One fanzine correspondent resourceful as its victims.

On Saturday Rae had a pen-alty saved. Van Blerk was sent off for two guileless of-fences and Millwall were sarially frustrated by Martyn, who triumphed over an injury that would have removed him from the line-up had an experienced replacement been available. But the visitors had taken command well before Van Blerk departed 20

ace. Davies gave away his second penalty of the match and Ndah doubled his season's goal tally in the space of | Referent / Aughton (State-on-Trunt).

described McCarthy's team as Millwall's worst in more than

a decade. Nicholl has effected repairs, moving Van Blerk and others into more appro-priate positions and bringing in new wingers, but he has yet to be rewarded by results. In fact, since changing managers, Palace have earned 30 points from 13 games and Millwall have taken six from before Van Blerk departed 20 minutes from the end, with Hopkin finding uncontested opportunities between and behind the strikers and Ndah frolicking up front from the moment be turned Lavin to set up the first goal.

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After the sending off Brown
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Welr, Makin, Doby (Webber, 70). Crystal Paleon: Martyn; Brown Edworthy, Roberts, Daviss, Vincent Picher, Houghton Hopkin, Yeart, Ndah.

It was a comedy of errors."

The fans will not be fooled.

Filbert Street police alert

HE police will be on their toes at Filbert Street for the rest of the season after a Leicester City supporters' club representa-tive yesterday warned of further violence to follow that in the aftermath of Saturday's loss to Sheffield United. Seats were ripped out of the

ground and a baying mob called for the absent chairman Martin George to step down after the 2-0 defeat by their fellow relegation candi-dates. Tony Falk, 35, the chairman of the Blue Tuesday pressure group which aims to bringing down the Leicester board, claimed that some supporters would not be content

meet the directors at a hastily convened behind-closed-door meeting on Saturday evening had emerged to say: "All they were interested in was giving "The board lacks ambition

and the fans have had enough. They are at boiling point, there is potential for

things to get very nasty."
Wimbledon's oft-mooted
move to Dublin is back on the
agenda after the homeless London club came close to ensuring their Premiership safety with a 1-0 win over Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

The manager Joe Kinnear said that moving to a new 60,000-seat Dublin stadium by the 1997/98 season was the only way they could compete without selling name players.
"Because of our gates we cannot compete in the trans-

fer market," be added. Wimbledon sold their Plough Lane ground to share Selhurst Park with Crystal Palace, but fail to attract crowds of any significance. "We hate the place," said Kinnear. "I don't have a

player in the dressing room who wants to play there. have to lift them each time we play at home. We call it home

"it's like a morgue. When walked out five minutes be fore kick off it was like walking into a graveyard. Our crowds at Plough Lane were no bigger, but at least there-



Going to ground . . . Ford, Harris and Hilton manage to halt the progress of Leeds's McDermott PHOTOGRAPH MICHAEL STEELE

Neck injury threat to Clarke career

play again this season following a serious neck in-jury in Australia, writes Poul

Medical reports suggest that Clarke's career might be in jeopardy after he cracked a vertebrae in making a tackle

YDNEY Roosters coach
Phil Gould confirmed
last night that the Great
Britain and former Wigan forward Phil Clarke would not in good spirits, he's fully aware of the situation. "Thank God for the expert-ise and experience of our medical staff because they recognised there was some thing amiss. Otherwise it

could have been a hell of a lot-

Clarka, 24, was taken to a | "He actually came from the local hospital before being field with concussion and it transferred to the spinal unit of Sydney's Royal North Shore hospital where doctors confirmed a triple fracture of the fourth vertebra.

got to understand that it was a complete accident — just one of those things - and Phil was actually prepared to go back on to the field.

was only when he started to come to that he realised that his neck felt sore." Doctors said the likelihood

of Clarke playing again appears slim although there was no concerns about his walking again. His parents were on their way to Australia to see their son when the acciRugby League

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Super League: Leeds 18, Warrington 22

Scrambling Wire cling to victory

UCH of the socalled entertainment accompany-ing this first Super League fixture at Headingley would, in the crime writer Raymond Chandler's words, have turned a goat brought up on broken beer bottles and

Things were not a lot better for Leeds on the pitch either. Commendably, they came close to rescuing what appeared to be a lost cause when Warrington led 22-6; they were in full cry and only four points in arrears at the end. But while the spirited But while the spirited recovery might have pacified some of their followers, it could not hide the flaws that had so glaringly surfaced in their Challenge Cup defeat by Bradford Bulls nine days ago.

They have lost good players, others are missing and Dean Bell, their bead coach, must wonder what he has to

must wonder what he has to do next to put things right. Signing some players would help, and Bell is likely to step

Warrington are on the look out for quality men as well "four world-class players" manager Alex Murphy. "But everytime we try to sign one, someone slaps an injunction on him," he added.

Still, although Wire were clinging on by their finger-nails at the end of a match fortably, they could take plenty of encouragement from only a few weeks since Leeds hustled them easily out of the

Challenge Cup.
There were again impressive performances from some of their younger players — Sculthorpe, Harris and Penny, and a promising one from Matika Mafl, their Ton-

gan Olympic sprinter. He showed his inexperience in the second half, and a dropped ball and a mis-tackle led to two Leeds tries. He would have been distraught had those errors cost his side the game. Instead, he can look back on a good afternoon's work that included the

game's first try.
Mike Ford, the former

four goals from Harris, Warrington looked to be almost in the clear; and when Knott scored a third try eight min-utes after half-time Leeds's prospects looked bleak. But Mafi's handling error let in Mann for a try and then the winger allowed Fozzard to

another Warrington success.
He is on the transfer list and is possibly playing for his place in Super League. "I won't hesitate to take players off the list if I think they deserve it," said Murphy, "and, I was very, very impressed by Ford."

By half-time, with tries from Mafi and Harris, and four goals from Harris, Warscrambling defen

Telepathetic suits second referee

Sky TV's commenta-tor, coined an interest-best and made nonsen ing word on Saturday night during the Oldham-Wigan game at Boundary Park, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.

He meant to say "tele-pathic" but instead came up with "telepathetic". Had he been alluding to the game's new technology and not a magical piece of interplay between Martin Offiah and Shaun Edwards he would not have been far from the mark.

David Campbell asked the "second referee" for television rulings on two suspect tries: one by Offiah. the other by Maloney. In each instance they were declared valid, even though the replayed video evidence cast serious doubt in both cases. The innovation is supposed to put an end to controversy, not create it.

The try by Offiah, the first of 11 for Wigan, was awarded after Scott Quinnell looked to have knocked on. It was an important score which took Wigan 8-0 ahead. But that was the only bit of luck the Super League favourites needed. They had laid Mike Ford, the former waste to Oldham by half-Castleford scrum-half, was time with a series of with-

any suggestions of declin Gary Connolly, one of most complete centres in i world, crossed for a l terval and by the end Offia Edwards and Radlinski ha helped themselves to twapiece. Paul and Hall con

Oldham will need to work on their discipline and tackling technique. Both were deeply flawed but they did improve consider-Much too late, of course,

London Broncos won impressively 24-22 at Halifax, a result that should stimulate additional interest in their meeting with Paris, winners over Sheffield Ea-Super League fixture, at The Valley on Thursday.

Arnold scored four tries and Newlove three as St Helens served notice that they intend to mount a strong challenge by scoring 11 tries in a 62-0 win over strugglers Workington. At Bradford, the Bulls came back from 18-6 down to beat Castleford 30-18, with Donougher collecting a hat-

Semi-finals

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SCOTTSM LEAGUST First Divisions Al-drie 5, Dernbarton 1; Clydebank 2, Dun-ismine 2; Dundes 1, Greenock Morton 1; S. Johnston 4, Hamilton 1; St Mirren 1, Dunder Utd 3, Leading whereinger 1, Dundermine (P31, Pality 2, Dundes Utd (31–60); S, Greenock Morton (31–56). Geomet Shekelor: Berwick 2, Chyde 3; For-fer 1. Ayr II; Montrose 0, East File 1; Skr-ling 0, Stenhousemur 1; Braraws 3, Queen of South 1. Leading standings 1. Striling (P31, FedSp; 2, East File (\$1-42); 3, Berwick (\$1-60).

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Third Divisions Arbroath 1, Alice 0; Con-denheath 1, Albice 1; Livingston 1, East Stirring 1; Couen's Part 3; Caledonian T 2; Pose Courny 1, Brachin 2, Leading stand-ings 1, Brachin (P31, PaSS); 2, Livingston (31-48); 3, Pleas County (51-51).

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Consy 2, Cematran 3; Inter Cardiff 2, Now-town 2, Lianeardiff al, Holywell C, Phyl 2,
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LEAGUE OF HIMMARKE Province Silgo Phys 4. Cork C 1.

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ASSESSAM LEAGUER Beaterships Werder Bredom 2, Bayer Levericusen 1; Schalke 3, Fredung 0; Rodsock 1, Karlsruhe 1; VIS Shutgert 1, St Pauli 1; Eintracht Frankurt 0, Borussa Moenchengladbach 2; Bayern Muslich 1; Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage Hamburg 0, Uerdingen 0; Cotogo 0, Kalsentlausen 1, Leading standinger 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Cristage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Cotogo 0, Kalsentlausen 1, Leading standinger 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Cotogo 0, Kalsentlausen 1, Leading standinger 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Cotogo 0, Kalsentlausen 1, Leading standinger 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 0, Fridage 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 1, Sayern Muslich (P25, Pesis); 2, Borussia Dormund 1, Sayern 1, Sayern 1,

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BUSKETDAII
BUDYEMBER LASE Leopards 109, New-castle 79, Doncaster 90, Leicester 62, Set-urdays Derby 71, Sheffield 54; Leicester 102, Leopards 53; Manchesiar 89, Thurnes Valley 77; Hernel 102, Doncaster 78; Wor-tling 67, Simtingham 88; Chester 71, Lon-don 125. NATROMAL LEAGUSE Mose Final Div-isions Yesthershop Britton 81, Bury 96; MISAS Chicago 108, LA Clippers 65; Mismil MiSAS Chicago 108, LA Clippers 65; Mismil 95, Detroit 65; Washington 107, Philadai-phia 106; Portiged 109, Houston 94; Derwer 88, Mismuskes 85; Sastille 100, Utah 96; Cleveland 90, Golden State 64.

Bowls WORLD C'SMIPS: (Adekside): Sumi-Grais, alegiaez Y Allenok (Eng) bt K Kerkow (Aun) 25-21; J Rabkin (tar) bt R Corale (Scot) 25-16, Finale Y Allenek (Eng) bt J Rabkin (lar) 25-15. Fourse Wales to Augustalia 23-22; integrand bt New Zealand 26-16. Finale England bt Wales 20-9.

Boxing WISC BANTASIWEIGHT TITLE: Wayne McCallough (Belfael holder) bt Jose Luis Bueno (Mer.) bt. WBA STRAMMERCHT TITLE [Managus): Rossode Alverace (Nic, hidr) bt Kermin Guardia (Coll Ko 3. Chess

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(Eng) 5, V Seizwam (US) X Lauderze Kasperov 5; Topelov 40; Kramnik 4; Short 3X. Cricket SHEFFELD SHEELD (Adelaide): Finals Western Australia 520-9 dec (A Glichrist 199no, R Baker 63, T Moody 68, 8 Hogg 61). South Australia 100-2 (P Nobes 57no).

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WOMERICS MATHONIAL LEAGURE Pre-

ice Hockey BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Wembley): Semi-Seate Sheffield 5, Humborside 3; Notlingham 3, Durham 1, Pleat Sheffield 3, Notlingham 3 (Sheffield won 2-1 on page).

pens). NML Hartord 3. NY Islanders 1: Prisburg 2. New Jersey 1: Pittsburgh 2. New Jersey 1: Tampa Bay 2. Fiorida 1: Montreal 3. Ottawa 1: Toronto 4. Edmonton 3. Motorcycling

BALAYSIAN GRAND PROX (Shan Alam): 125cc 1, S Perugini (II) Aprilia: 2, H AoAl (Japan) Honda: 3, P Certi (Ger) Aprilia: 250cc: 1, M Bioggi (2) Aprilia: 2, T Har-ada (Japan) Yamaha; 3, L D' Anth (Sp) Honda. Honda.
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BRAZEJAN GP (Sac Paulo): 1. D Hill (GB) Williams: 2. J Aleel (Fr) Beneton; 3. M Schumacher (Ger) Ferrari; 7. Elvine (GB) Ferrari; 12. M Brundle (GB) Jordan. Snooker

BEDISON AND HEDGES (RIGH MAS-TERS (Kitcler); Serd-(males D Sicreps) (Wal) bi J Swall (Ni) 6-5; E Davis (Eng) bi K Dohorty (Ire) 8-4. BNRTISH OPEN (Plymouth): First rounds 7 Knowles (Eng) bi J Michie (Eng) 5-2; D Reymolds (Eng) bi D McDonnell (Eng) 5-4; D O'Klass (NZ) bi M Couch (Eng) 5-2; J Forumson (Eng) bi S Newbury (Wal) 5-0.

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(7.20 unless stated) Soccer

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Sport in brief ***********************

Revived Graf puts in a perfect hour

STEFFI GRAF shrugged off months of injury and personal anxieties to produce a flawless display and earn £140,000 in 55 minutes by disposing of the American Chanda Rubin 6-1, 6-3 in the Lipton Championship final in Key Biscayne, Florida. "I didn't expect to be going

for it as well as I did today. I rarely made a mistake," said Graf, who also won the Indian Wells event two weeks ago, foot surgery in December.
"I was a little bit nervous," said the 20-year-old Rubin. who will now become world

No. 7 despite never having won 2 WTA Tour title. "That wasn't the main thing though. Her game is oppressive."
The men's final had to be put back after Goran Ivanise vic developed a stiff neck the champion Andre Agassi.

Snooker

Mike Hallett beat the chickenpox-stricken Brian Morgan 5-2 to reach the last 32 of the Plymouth yesterday, writes Citee Everton.

Steve Davis needed five more frames to win the Irish Masters for the ninth time and end 14 months without a title — after leading Darren Morgan 4-3 in the first session at Goffs, County Kildare.

Chess

Garry Kasparov took a clear lead with two rounds to go in the Amsterdam Grandmasters event when he beat his Russian rival Vladimir Kramnik in 43 moves, writes Leonard Barden. The result puts Kasparov back as sole leader in the International Chess Federation rankings after being joint No.1 with his 20-year-old opponent.

Bowls England won two gold medals

on the final day of the World Championships in Adelaide, with overall team silver coming after victories in the singles and fours finals never being headed in the lat-ter, a 20-9 win over Wales.

Tony Allcock became the first man to retain the singles title by beating Israel's Geoff Rabkin, who pegged him back to 13-12 after 16 ends from a 11–5 deficit after nine. But Allcock stepped up a gear to cult " said Allcock, "I don't remember ever playing on a FA CUP SEMI-FINALS: YOU

Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 0

Fowler flourish finishes Villa

yetin Thorpe at Old Trafford

HAS been quite a weel in quite a season for Rob-Young Player of the Year last Sunday, awarded his first England cap on Wednesday, the Toxteth Terrier topped off the lot with two als yesterday to confirm picking up the striker. Liverpool's renaissance as a major power and propel them into a mouth-watering final against Manchester United.

Aston Villa did not deserve to lose by three goals. They dominated large chunks of an entertaining game but cru-cially lacked someone with Fowler's finishing power and perhaps a necessary element of luck. Taylor was denied a penalty for what looked like a

You'll Never Walk Alone rang out. Liverpool were back in the FA Cup final

first-half foul on him by Scales, and James prevented a second-half equaliser with an improbable reflex save. Villa, behind after only 16

and, led by the buzzing Draper, hustled and bustled the passing momentum out of the Liverpool midfield, especially after the interval, but just could not find the net.

Fowler struck again three minutes from time with a sumptuous volley, and McAteer added an unfair third in injury time.

There was no dishonour in Villa's defeat. Brian Little's achievement in turning last season's relegation contend-ers into Coca-Cola Cup winners, with its accompanying place in Europe, and possess-ors of a Premiership top-four place has been one of the wondere of the season.

But they could not suppress nother wonder of the se Fowler, with his old head on Fowler, with his old head on young shoulders — he will be 21 next week — took his goal total to 33, five now against Villa in three games and at least one in every round of the Cup. Geoff Hurst will recognise the increasing irresist-ibility of Fowler's late run into the England reckoning

for Euro '96. Despite both sides playing the Continental sweeper sys-tem, it was the good old set which put Liverpool

McManaman on the left and Redknapp speared a cross into the Villa area. Fowler, stooping low, produced a div-ing header which rocketed the ball into the corner of Bos-nich's goal. Again there was a touch of bad luck for Villa: Southgate had just come back on to the pitch after treatment to an injury and was slow in

land defender had to be sub-stituted but Villa made light of the loss. They might have had a penalty when Taylor was sandwiched by McManaman and Scales, the latter stretching his leg across the midfielder's chest

Then James made a brave block when Yorke, a yard out, got what had looked like a conclusive touch to Ehiogu's header. But then Villa's finishing let them down. Draper shot over, Milosevic shot wide, then was put through on James but allowed the

After the interval Villa

picked up the same script: Townsend, Draper and Taylor disrupting Liverpool's pass-ing movements. Staunton fired over, then James made fired over, then James made his wonder save, Milosevic's header finding Ehiogu a yard out but the keeper somehow managing to hold his shot.

If anything that was the turning point. Slowly, ominously, Liverpool came back into the game. Bosnich had to be quick to block Fowler's pounce on McGrath's underhit back-pass, the 36-year-old veteran redeemed himself with a great tackle to thwart Collymore, who seconds later

skewed another inviting chance wide. Barnes already had his fourth FA Cup final in his sights when his sublime strike from 30 yards was touched on to the woodwork by Bosnich before, finally, the second goal came. Staunton headed out Redknapp's freekick but only to Fowler, who teed up a volley and rifled it past Bosnich off the far post.

McManaman's run down the left set up an easy closerange third for McAteer and that was it. The Villa fans rightly offered their defeated heroes a chorus of thunder-ons applause as they trooped off, while a familiar and col-ourful sight was in full display in the magnificent new stand. The flags swirled, the scarves stretched head-high, You'll Never Walk Alone rang out, Liverpool were back and

in the FA Cup final. Auton Villes Bosnich, Charles, Wright. Ehiogu, McGrath, Southgate (Staumon. 21minj. Taylor, Drsper, Townsend, Milosovic (Johnson, 79), Yorks.



Last touch . . . Cole forces home Cantona's header to bring United level at Villa Park yesterday

United turn the tide red

Chelsea pay for defensive lapses

Manchester United 2, Chelsea 1

David Lacey at Villa Park

ANCHESTER United reached their 14th FA Cup final, and their third in successive seasons, yesterday after building their ramparts on sand. In the end they knew too much for Chelsea, but to a certain extent Glenn Hoddle's team beached themselves.

Having dominated large areas of the first half, on a ploughman's lunch of a pitch. Chelsea looked well worth the lead the head of Gullit had given them in the 34th min-ute. They were then undone by goals from Cole and Beckham in the space of six min-utes early in the second half. the winner coming after a basic error by Burley.

One of the more entertaining FA Cup semi-finals owed nearly as much to the uncertainties in United's defence and the injuries that subse quently weakened Chelsea at the back, as it did to the attacking excellence of both sides. Gullit was master of the first half. Cantona the second.

17sec win in the Brazilian Grand Prix yesterday

which gave him a perfect score of 20 in the drivers'

championship after start-ing the Formula One season

The Briton dominated the

race from pole position after a downpour hit the In-

with victory in Melbourne.

In the final of 1994 United had beaten Chelsea 4-0, again after being forced to chase the game before the interval. The shot from Peacock that rebounded from the crossbar had proved to be Chelsea's watershed that day. Yesterday's twist of plot was even more merciless because Gullit, scoring after Duberry had struck the bar, appeared to have laid that particular

bogy.
Yet with United hitting post and bar before they scored, it was hard to make out a case for luck favouring either side. Strained muscles played more

Bruce, the United captain, was forced out with a thigh problem which meant that with Pallister already unfit, Alex Ferguson had to make some late adjustments. Gary Neville joined May at centreback, Phil Neville switched from left back to right, Sharpe went to left back and Beckham came in on the right.

For more than half the match United's defenders per-formed like men who had learned the lines to a different

AMON HILL was terlagos circuit in Sao for the Italian team. never headed on his way to a commanding start. Forcing his oppo-

nents to ride in his spray for much of the 73-lap race,

the Williams driver gave a flawless display to come in

clear of the Frenchman Jean Alesi's Benetton.

The double world cham-pion Michael Schumacher

Hill flawless in the rain

semi-final before half-time. Eventually they won it

while Phelan, having pulled up with a thigh strain five minutes into the second half, was trying to run off the injury. United's first goal was due directly to his mability to get back and cover. By the time Peacock came

on for Phelan, four minutes past the hour, Chelsea were 2-1 down. Having already lost Clarke, who had switched to right-back in place of the suspended Petrescu, with Myers joining Duberry and Lee in the middle, Hoddle's side ended up trying to save the game without the wisdom and speed on the flanks that have done so much to make them a better team.

The state of a heavily sanded pitch did not encourage flowing football but the quality of the passing, particularly from United, remained high. Keane, Butt and Giggs rarely wasted the ball, Cole again missed chances but remained hard-working and imaginative throughout and his sense of time and space eventually upstaged the genius of Gullit.
For a time, however, the

Dutchman promised to in-spire a famous Chelsea victory. Duberry had responded

Hill's team-mate Jacques Villeneuve, an unlucky second on his debut in Aus-

on lap 27.

gave Ferrari a fillip with third place, his first points Alan Henry, page 13

script. While they waited for to Giggs volleying Beckham's left and he slipped past Spen-prompts, Gullit kept popping cross against a post in the up like the demon king. Iffth minute by hitting the United could have lost the underside of the United bar in by Johnsen's attempted clear. Cantons was behind the goalthe 15th. And four minutes past the half-hour Hughes overpowered Beckham and played a one-two with Spenfully from the left for Gullit to

> at the far post. Three minutes before halftime Cantona met a clearance from Lee with a first-time right-foot shot against the near post, enough to convince United that the afternoon might still be theirs. And so it was soon to prove. Nine minutes into the second half, with Phelan caught upfield, Beck-ham found Phil Neville on the

ance. Cantona's header was aimed towards the top far corner of the net and Cole flung up a foot to deflect the ball over the line. Five minutes later Chelsea

were done for. Burley tried to volley the ball back to Hitchhead in powerfully but easily cock but had failed to spot Beckham stealing through in the inside-right position. Beckham kept his head and although his drive lacked power it was still beyond the reach of Hitchcock, who had thrown himself on to the shot inside the near post.

keeper to head the ball off the line. "I've never seen him so deep," said Ferguson, adding: 'We were the better team and deserved to go through."

In the end perhaps, but there will be few better chances of seeing Ruud Gullit in an FA Cup final. Again Wembley will have to settle for Eric Cantona.

Manchester United Schmeichel. P. Neville, G. Neville May, Sharee, Beckham. But. Keano, Giggs Colo, Cantona. Chaissen Micheck Duborry, Los (Furlong, S7min). Myora, Clarke (Johnsen 38). Burley, Gullt, Wise, Pholan (Pascock, 64), Spencer. Haghes. Referent S Lodge (Barnsley

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Guardian Crossword No 20,615

Set by Janus



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- 9 Trap set on board to catch
- 10 Plain words about borderflower (8)
- 11 Take for one's own if suitable (11)
- 15 Did she choose the right one? (7) 17 Fish supporter in a perfect world (7)
- 18 Compromise musician often make (†1)
- 22 Model knocking work of hunter (8)
- 23 Hopeless horse must trouble the queen (6)
- 24 He might pray to find one in church (8)
- 25 Composer with connection in Georgia (6)
- Down 1 Fate the clergy love to follow (6)
- 2 Deviation from miserably bare allowance (10) 3 A politician caught in wild steed's mad rush (8)
- 4 Spend a long time in corridors (8)
- 5 Fought, then thrown aside
- 7 Thus parent aspired to be a prophet (4)
- B Are they worn because of obligations? (4)
- 12 Settles again in the back (01) swor
- 13 Councillor planting tree on island (8)
- 14 Tries Hay diet in emotional state (8)

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This week's winners of a Colfins English Dictionary are Geoffrey Caton of Launceston. Comwall, R. A. Brinkworth of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, Gary & Margaret Sheldrake of Holywood, Co. Down, N. Ireland, C. M. L. Kedge of Prescot, Merseyside, and S. Nicholas of Witham, Essex.

16 He says nothing about very quiet drag-artist (8) 19 Once disastrously lost in

praises (6) 20 Way to measure dam (4) 21 Flew never seen in fine

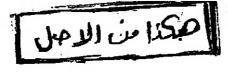


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Wembley bound . . . Fowler milks the applause TOM JENKINS





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